

Smoky Mountain Meals on Wheels 2017 Highlights !

With Halloween past us, the calendar is racing on to Thanksgiving, Christmas and then the New Year. What a fast and eventful year this has been for Smoky Mountain Meals on Wheels and our AniMeals on Wheels program. Without your support and generosity, we would not be able to do what we do for our Seniors. We're proud to share some of the highlights of this year with you.

OUR NEW SUBARU IS COMING!



We will soon have a reliable, safe way to deliver meals to our community meal sites and to make special deliveries to our other clients with the arrival of a new 2018 Subaru Outback. In celebration of its 50th anniversary, Subaru donated 50 vehicles to Meals on Wheels America. We are overjoyed that we have been chosen to receive one. It will be unveiled at noon at the Townsend Christmas Parade on December 3rd. Subaru America will be on hand and we will be recruiting volunteers and answering all questions at the Thrift store next to the Black Bear Cafe on Hwy. 321. THANK YOU to Subaru and Meals on Wheels.



Also, "Share the Love" is back at Subaru from November 21st through January 2nd. For every new or leased Subaru between those dates, \$250 will be donated to the local Meals on Wheels program. Last year, we received an unexpected \$7,900 which provided over 2,600 meals!

WAL★MART®

We would like to give a shout out to the Walmart Foundation for selecting Smoky Mountain Meals on Wheels as the recipient of a generous grant in the amount of \$31,000. These funds will be used throughout the year to help our seniors, disabled and veterans. We would like to thank Wal-Mart for taking such a leadership role in helping our seniors.



Happy Thanksgiving

Two prepared meals, one traditional turkey and the other lasagna, will be delivered by our caring volunteers on Thanksgiving morning to 280 of our seniors' homes. Fruit baskets and treats will also be delivered along with flower arrangements provided by Random Acts of Flowers. It all should make for a great Thanksgiving day for our home-bound seniors.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



We are also busy preparing for our 5th annual Christmas deliveries. If you could volunteer a few hours of your time on Christmas morning to help, it would bring great joy to both you and our seniors. Please call our office at 983-8411 ext. 26 to volunteer. Also, any gifts for our seniors or cash donations you might be able to provide would be greatly welcome!

January-October 2017
Statistics

625 seniors served daily

86,101 meals served

2,120 bags of groceries

28 meal delivery routes

8 grocery delivery routes

8 AniMeals delivery routes

4 book delivery routes

233 volunteers contributing
over 8,000 hours YTD

Food provided for 145 pets

14,513 lbs. of pet food
delivered

2017 has been a record year for volunteers helping with our programs. Over the last few months volunteers have included students from Coulter Grove and Montgomery Ridge Intermediate Schools, Newell Rubbermaid, Scout Troops Pack 87 and Troop 87 and various groups of home-schoolers. Together, they helped package over 2,500 snow emergency meals, served up 3,200 hot and frozen meals and made treats to share with our volunteers and clients alike. A fundraiser at Barley's generated funds for over 700 meals. Thanks to the hosts of "Behind the Barn" Jeff Barbra and Sarah Pirkle who also signed up and delivered a route. Chilhowee Veterinary Clinic hosted a parking lot sale for our AniMeals program and has helped out throughout the year. Our outreach has been expanded to include "Books from the Library" and we've added new routes to meet the demand. Without all the additional help, we wouldn't be able to do what we do or provide any extras at all.

Thank you to all our volunteers from around the community that make sure

meals are delivered and pets are seen after. To all our partners such as United Way, Community Food Connection, Second Harvest, we look forward to a continued fruitful partnership.



If you haven't yet had the opportunity to view our video "More Than Just A Meal", please take a few minutes to view it now.

[Watch our video here!](#)

Please consider adopting a senior for the new year of 2018 by donating \$60 per month to cover the cost of their meals. Donations can be made at www.smokymountainmow.org.

More to come and stay tuned while we share great stories of our local seniors. Join us on Facebook as Smoky Mountain Meals on Wheels and our sister program called AniMeals on Wheels which provides food for our seniors' pets. We couldn't do what we do without your support and the support of our community and for that we are extremely grateful.

Wishing you a safe and joyous Holiday season.

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