

## LOCAL NONPROFIT IS ONE OF FIVE SELECTED TO PILOT USDA PROGRAM CONNECTING LOW-INCOME ELDERLY AND DISABLED AMERICANS WITH HEALTHY FOOD

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Alabaster, Alabama – August 31, 2016 – Many Infinities, Inc. (MI), a Shelby County based nonprofit serving families battling Autoimmunity and auto-immune disease, is one of five US organizations selected by the USDA to participate in a nationwide pilot designed to improve access to groceries for homebound elderly and disabled persons participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Through the newly launched Ruby L. Butler (RLB) Patient Assistance Program, Many Infinities has partnered with KATs Inc., a delivery service with a passion to serve the elderly, to begin shopping for and delivering SNAP approved items to the elderly and disabled throughout Jefferson and Shelby Counties this October. The organization has plans to offer the delivery service in several other Alabama counties, in the upcoming months. Businesses and organizations serving eligible clients will be invited to participate in roundtables and partnerships, in an effort to better serve Alabama residents. MI founder, Deven Woods shares, “We are so honored to have been chosen for such a task. Serving people with auto-immune illnesses has made us conscious to the disabilities that go unnoticed by the general population. Although disability, caused by illness, knows no age, growing older may also leave us unable to do the simplest things, like shop for nutritious food. As a result, disabled and elderly citizens will purchase what is convenient, not what is healthy for them. Through this pilot, Many Infinities is able to partner with the USDA to enhance the quality of life for the elderly and disabled in Alabama.”

According to the USDA, nearly 1 in 5 SNAP participants is either elderly or disabled, limiting access to nutritious food and health services. Mrs. Woods goes on to say, “This and other services offered by MI are very important to the communities we serve. The delivery pilot was established for families and individuals living on a limited income. These are people who would not ordinarily have access to many of our programs nor the services provided by companies, like KATs. Now we are able to meet a great number of people where they are and offer valuable resources.”

Eligible families receiving SNAP deliveries may also receive health education and assistance with unique needs that align with the MI mission. MI volunteer and RLB Patient Assistance Program Chairman, Kenneth Merriweather extends a call to action, “This pilot presents a special opportunity for the state of Alabama. We were all chosen to lead this effort in America. Let us get involved, encourage healthy life choices for all and create a healthier future for our families. The effectiveness of this program depends on the support of the entire state.”

To learn more about Many Infinities, Inc. and how to register to receive SNAP grocery deliveries, become a community partner or volunteer your time and skills, visit [www.manyinfinities.org](http://www.manyinfinities.org) or call (205) 258-0222.

*Many Infinities, Inc. is a 501c3 nonprofit, whose mission is to bring awareness to and eradicate Autoimmunity and auto-immune related disease through education, public awareness, patient assistance, research and Christian support. Email inquiries to [info@manyinfinities.org](mailto:info@manyinfinities.org).*