

**UNITED WAY OF THE OHIO VALLEY  
HANCOCK COUNTY  
PARTNER AGENCY: HANCOCK COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES**

Mr. and Mrs. Jones are an elderly couple who use to visit the center two and three times a week. They became very active members a couple of years ago after Mr. Jones suffered a stroke. Mr. Jones' stroke left him with some speech and memory problems, as well as some mobility issues. While Mr. Jones was recovering from his stroke, Mrs. Jones heard about the meals at the senior center and thought that would be a good and convenient way for them to be more active. They started coming to the center at first for just the meals, but the more they came, the more involved they wanted to be. It was great for Mr. Jones because it was someplace he could easily get into and it was nice to be in a social setting with other seniors. As Mr. Jones became more aware of the activities going on he really became interested in playing checkers. It was something that did not require too much effort on his part, and it helped keep his mind active. Many days he and another gentleman would play several games after lunch. Mrs. Jones became really excited about the vegetable garden project that was going in. She said that was one thing she really missed doing with Mr. Jones. But with the ones at the center she was still able to help raise a garden and obtain fresh vegetables too. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are no longer able to come to the center because of Mr. Jones's health, but they are now recipients of the "Meals-on-Wheels" program. Mrs. Jones often comments that the center was their great escape. She said it was always worth every effort it took to get there. She brags about the friendships, contacts and the activities they became involved with during the times spent at the center. She loves to tell others how much those visits meant to her and Mr. Jones.

**WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL YOUR INVESTMENT MAKE?**

With your investment of \$50 **Hancock County Senior Services** can:

- Provide seeds and beds to have raised vegetable gardens.
- Provide some flowers to be planted outside
- Provide some small exercise equipment
- Provide some supplies for craft classes

