

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

Ms. Jones has been a Meals-on-Wheels client for seventeen years, she is 77 years old. She has no immediate family capable of taking care of her. Ms. Jones has had a mental disability since birth which makes it hard for her to communicate, she also has crippling arthritis that confines her to a wheelchair. Although Ms. Jones faces these challenges she remains quite independent. Most mornings that the meal drivers arrives at Ms. Jones's she is up, dressed and sitting in the kitchen waiting for the driver to arrive. One particular morning when the meal driver arrived Ms. Jones was still in bed. Once determining Ms. Jones was ok she teased with her about being lazy that morning, but upon talking with her the meal driver was able to figure out that Ms. Jones's grab bar above her bed was broken and she wasn't capable of getting up without it. The meal driver tried unsuccessfully to fix it by herself but couldn't. She then called the director to tell her of the situation. The director called the judge's office to see about sending out someone to help fix the grab bar. The judge went out to assist. The grab bar got fixed and Ms. Jones was able to get up! If it wasn't for the meal driver delivering a meal to Ms. Jones she would have had to lay there until someone came to visit or check on her. Meals-on-Wheels is not just about the nutritious meal clients are receiving every day, it's about having someone to check on clients daily to assure all is well and to help them stay independent and in their own homes.

WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL YOUR INVESTMENT MAKE?

With your investment of \$100 **Hancock County Senior Services Meals Program** can:

- Purchase equipment/supplies for health evidence based programs
- Purchase supplies/equipment to help with raised gardens
- Purchase craft items to make small seasonal gifts to take to our home delivered clients
- Purchase prizes for different games that are played

