

UNITED WAY OF THE OHIO VALLEY

McLEAN COUNTY

PARTNER AGENCY: McLEAN COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES - MEALS ON WHEELS

Many of our Home Delivered Meals clients do not have family members living near them. Our meal drivers may be the only person they see some days. Clients sometimes need help taking out their trash, getting their mail, etc. Things we may typically take for granted. Our meal drivers do so much more for our clients than just deliver their meals. They show love, respect and compassion to the elderly in our community. Sometimes a kind word is all it takes to brighten someone's day. Mrs. Belton had only a small electric heater trying, unsuccessfully, to heat her entire home. We purchased another small heater for her. When the meal driver came the next day, there was a big smile on her face. No words had to be exchanged, her smile showed her gratitude. Mrs. Simmons, who is diabetic and has many other health issues, was not able to wear regular socks. She always had to leave her feet bare even during the cold weather. She is raising two young nephews, so money for extras was not easily available. We purchased diabetic socks for her when we learned of this problem. She was very grateful and her feet now stay warm all year long. We call our client, Mr. Willis, every day before delivering his meals so he can let us in. One day after many attempts at contacting him by phone and trying to get a response when we knocked on his door and there was no answer, we contacted the McLean County Emergency Management team to assist us. We found Mr. Willis lying in the floor where he had fallen earlier that morning. It's often just the little things our meal drivers do every day that helps and encourages our clients. United Way makes a huge difference in helping our clients too.

WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL YOUR INVESTMENT MAKE?

With your investment of \$100 **McLean County Senior Services - Meals on Wheels** can:

- provide socks, food, heaters and soap to needy clients
- provide a week of hot meals to an area senior citizen

