

UNITED WAY OF THE OHIO VALLEY

UNION COUNTY

PARTNER AGENCY: UNION COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES – MEALS ON WHEELS

Many of our home delivered meal clients do not have family nearby that can assist them with tasks we typically take for granted. Actions like taking out the trash, getting the mail, and running errands in town. Our homebound clients are blessed with loving and caring meal drivers who go out of their way to mail a letter, drop off papers at the doctors' office, or pick up a loaf of bread at the grocery store. This program is so much more than dropping off a meal and heading out the door. It is showing compassion and respect to people who were at one time, leaders in our communities, presidents of banks, farmers, nurses, mothers...the list could go on and on. In a recent Tweet from Pope Francis: No elderly person should be like an 'exile' in our families. The elderly are a treasure for our society. This is something we strive for everyday at Union County Senior Services. It's the little things that we do every day. Mrs. Smith, who's oven went out and we purchased a toaster oven for her so she could continue to have hot meals when possible. For Mr. Jones who we purchased a fan so he could stay cool in his bedroom in the summer. Mrs. Thomas who had a broken door knob and was securing her door shut with a curtain through the hole to keep it shut. Mrs. Willett, who goes to therapy three days a week to get stronger and maintain her independence. Mrs. Gibson who because she had freezer meals, has been able to have her food stamps stretch a little farther through the long, cold winter. Mr. Taylor, who we were able to help with his co-pay on his insulin, which had reached \$300 in the gap, thus giving him peace of mind and health. With help from United Way we can make a huge difference and impact on our programs and services.

WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL YOUR INVESTMENT MAKE?

With your investment of \$50 **Union County Senior Services – Meals on Wheels** can:

- Provide one week of meals for a homebound senior
- Provide a frozen weekend meal to 20 seniors

