



Meals on Wheels gets a \$26,000 grant

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ASHEVILLE – The WHO (Women Helping Others) Foundation has awarded \$26,000 to Meals on Wheels of Asheville and Buncombe County for the purchase of new coolers and hot/cold packs. Meals on Wheels delivers hot and cold meals to 550 homebound seniors five days a week throughout the area. Each weekday, volunteers load up picnic coolers and deliver food and drink to clients on 38 routes.

One of the problems the organization faces is keeping the food at a safe temperature. With the number of clients and the distance of the routes, a meal cooked at the Meals on Wheels kitchen might take one to four hours to reach its destination. The picnic coolers now in use are failing to keep the food at healthy temperatures. To fix this problem, the organization has started a new meal transport system in which specialized meal transporters are used to hold safe temperatures for both hot and cold foods.

“We cover a 660-square mile area to serve over 500 homebound seniors a hot, nutritious meal, said Development Director Terri Bowman. “The impact of this grant from the WHO Foundation will be felt for several years in the lives of thousands of homebound seniors across Asheville and Buncombe County.”

The WHO Foundation will present the check at 10 a.m. Saturday a meeting at the Marriott Hotel, 299 N. Church St., Spartanburg, S.C.

The foundation is a nonprofit charitable organization founded in 1993. For 15 years, WHO has supported community-focused charities that serve the overlooked needs of women, children and families. Since its inception, the foundation has awarded more than \$3.5 million to 332 organizations throughout the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

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