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Delivering More than Just a Meal

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, April 24, 2023 – The Lake County Council on Aging’s Meals on Wheels program is in need of volunteer drivers to deliver meals at least one day per week Monday through Friday. Volunteer drivers deliver lunchtime meals to homebound seniors between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

In support of addressing this critical need, the Lake County Volunteer Network at the Board of Commissioners is offering \$50 Giant Eagle gift cards to new volunteers who sign-up to deliver a route one time per week for at least three months.

“We are excited to offer this small incentive to new drivers,” said Commission President John R. Hamercheck. “Funding for this is provided through an AmeriCorps Seniors federal grant which aims to help communities recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.”

The home delivered meal program is a great opportunity to volunteer as an individual or duo, with a family member or a friend, and meet new people within the community. Volunteers can deliver out of either Madison, Mentor, Painesville, Wickliffe, or Willowick.

“This is a small weekly commitment that has a huge impact in the community,” said Commissioner John Plecnik. “For some, the Meals on Wheels volunteer may be the only person the recipient may see in a day.”

An important benefit of this home-delivery program is the opportunity for social interaction between the volunteers and the meal recipients. The daily deliveries by Meals on Wheels volunteers includes not just a meal, but a chance for a friendly smile and a face-to-face greeting that serves as a wellness check.

“While meal deliveries mean so much to seniors, they also offer many benefits to volunteers as well,” said Commissioner Richard J. Regovich. “Meals on Wheels volunteers reap the physical and mental benefits of giving back and being a part of the community.”

To get started, or to learn more, please contact Cristen Kane at the Lake County Volunteer Network at 440-350-5360 or cristen.kane@lakecountyohio.gov.

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