



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

This has been a challenging year. A year ago, the COVID-19 pandemic descended on us in Amherst County. Suddenly, we were told to stay home and stay away from other people. We were isolated from friends and family. There was no joining together at church, restaurants, or sporting events. For some of our neighbors, this isolation was not new. Some are homebound and unable to provide meals for themselves on a daily basis, whether due to advanced age, lack of mobility, recovery from hospitalization, or chronic illness. For over a decade, Blue Ledge Meals on Wheels has helped these neighbors.

Despite this past year's upheaval, Blue Ledge Meals on Wheels did not miss a single day of providing wholesome meals and wellness checks for our neighbors in need. Ten churches continued to donate food and prepare hot-cooked meals. Eight vendors continued to provide cooked meals at a reduced cost. Over four dozen volunteer drivers continued to deliver meals and provide check-ins to our recipients. Many days, our Meals on Wheels drivers were the only person our recipients saw all day long.

Blue Ledge Meals on Wheels is an all-volunteer organization with no paid employees. We are not supported by federal nor state dollars. Our funding comes from volunteer-written grants and from caring donors like you. For those who have contributed to Blue Ledge Meals on Wheels in the past, we say a loud thank you. Your generosity enabled us to serve 8,243 meals during the past year.

There are two ways in which you can support Blue Ledge Meals on Wheels. First, consider making a gift of support. A single gift of \$25 provides one week of hot meals to a deserving recipient. \$100 provides one month of hot meals and \$1300 provides a year's worth. Second, consider becoming a volunteer driver. The Blue Ledge Meals on Wheels district, serving northern Amherst County, is divided into six routes designed to be completed within an hour. Drivers volunteer to deliver once a week, once or twice a month, or as a substitute driver. There is much to be gained from being a volunteer driver, from soaking in the beauty of the countryside to caring for someone in need and making new friends in the process.

If this past year of challenges has taught us anything, it is the importance of community. Our ability to care for each other defines a community. The many volunteers and friends of Blue Ledge Meals on Wheels make Amherst County a better place, especially for those in need. Thank you for continuing to support our endeavors.

Serving the community, one meal at a time!

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OUR GIVING VENDORS!

CHURCHES

Amherst Baptist Church
Amherst Presbyterian Church
Central Baptist Church
Clifford Baptist Church
Emmanuel Baptist Church
Emmanuel United Methodist Church
Midway Baptist Church
Mt. Olive Baptist Church
St. Francis of Assisi Parrish
Mt. Moriah Baptist Church

VENDORS

Amherst Corner Restaurant
Edith's Rt. 60 Diner
Fairmont Crossing
Mac's Country Store
Subway Amherst
Subway Apple Market
Sweet Briar College
Winton

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO HELP!



Given By:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-mail address: _____

I would like my gift to be donated anonymously.

All donations are tax deductible

I am interested in volunteering for Blue Ledge Meals on Wheels

I wish to make a donation in the amount of \$ _____

In Memory of: _____

**\$25 will provide
one week of hot meals**

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Please make checks payable to Blue Ledge Meals on Wheels

If you prefer to make a donation with a credit or debit card please use the PayPal link on our website at blueledge.org