



Meals on Wheels of Charlotte County

Spring 2022

New Volunteers

Welcome!

- **Carol Morse**
Meal Delivery
- **Patricia Scott**
Meal Delivery
- **Peter Keller**
Meal Delivery
- **Marty Zuman**
Kitchen
- **Doug Rogers**
Meals Delivery

Upcoming Events

- ◇ April 30th
Golf
Tournament

Shotgun 8:30 AM

\$100 Per Person

Includes

Cart

Lunch and 20 raffle
tickets

Call Deb for more
information

(941) 457-1638

Meals on Wheels of Charlotte County was originally known as Health Plus, a community action organization. It was started by a grass roots group of citizens who in 1969 led by Marion Thelander saw a need for a social service organization. This organization assisted the elderly population in securing services for daily living. In due time the need focused on providing a nutritious hot meals for seniors, disabled and those who may be recovering from surgery, an illness or unable to prepare a meal for themselves.

The first Meals on Wheels were delivered on February 7, 1971. In the beginning, borrowed office space and two church kitchens provided the area for cooking the meals. In 1972 the present building was constructed and included a well equipped kitchen, office space and an area for a Thrift Store.

Currently, we serve approximately 42,600 meals/year or 177 meals/day.

Meals on Wheels of Charlotte County is supported entirely by gifts from individuals, churches, civic groups, and businesses.

We do not receive any government, state or county funding.

All our meals are delivered by volunteer drivers, generous local citizens that want to make a difference in our community. The individual connection that each volunteer has is as nourishing to our clients as the food provided.

If you or someone you know could benefit from our program please don't hesitate to reach out.

One of our friendly office staff will be happy to assist.

(941) 625-4343

Or

Visit our website

www.mowofcc.org



FUNDRAISING EVENT

March 5th 1:30pm F.M. Don's
Punta Gorda Tickets \$40
Call Deb at (941) 457-1638



Artists Donate Mural

You have to come see it to believe it! What started out as an idea to beautify our building with a few hubcaps and some paint by our Board Vice President, Teresa Desguin turned into an absolute masterpiece!

After sharing the idea with Artist Diane Kole co owner of Sarasota County-based Brush by Design, it wasn't long before the dream became reality. Diane decided she wanted "do something special in honor of her mom who she lost last Christmas. She wanted to give back," and this was the opportunity to make a difference in the life of others.

So along with her "artner", Artist Matt Lemmons, the vision became reality. What a beautiful sight indeed! For more information visit www.brushbydesign.com



Brush By Design
Artists Diane Kole &
Matt Lemmons



Our Store "Finders Keepers Resale Shop"

Our store has a large selection of merchandise including stylish clothing, housewares, kitchen items, home décor and gently used furniture.

Be sure to stop in frequently as our inventory changes daily.

100% of the proceeds from all items sold in our store help feed those who need help locally in Charlotte County, FL.

Please consider donating your gently used items that you may no longer need to our store. We would love your donation to help our community. And all donations are tax deductible. Store Hours are



Hannah Simoneau
& Store Manager
Amanda L'Esperance



DID YOU KNOW

Charlotte County has the highest percentage of residents over 65 years of age in America? That's over 34% of Charlotte Counties population



Meals on Wheels of Charlotte County
3082 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte FL 33952
(941) 625-4343

Our Kitchen

Each morning our Chef, Joe Brucker rises before the crack of dawn to start preparing the days feast. Joe along with his kitchen assistant, Rich Amber and several local volunteers prep, prepare and package over 42,000 meals each year. That's roughly 11,000 lbs of meat to process and 60,000 lbs of potatoes to cut, onions to peel, and carrots to slice.

Joe and his team's passion for what they do shines through in everything they do. We sincerely couldn't do it without them!



F-B Volunteer Chuck Tronolone, Pamela Zann and Chef Joe Brucker

\$5 OFF \$25 Purchase

Present this Coupon at our Finders Keepers Store for \$5.00 OFF your purchase of \$25.00 or more. Coupon must be presented at time of purchase, not valid on sale items. May not be combined with any other offer or discount. Expires:

04/29/22



Jill Richards

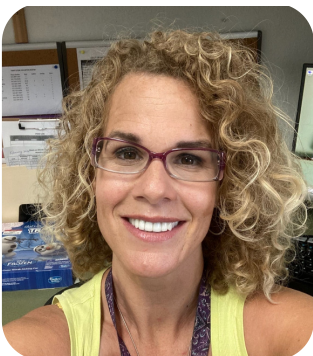
Occupation: Retired Teacher,
Charlotte County Public Schools

I chose to volunteer at Meals on Wheels Finders Keepers Store because my grandpa and my mom benefitted from Meals on Wheels. I liked the personal touch Meals on Wheels Staff & Volunteers had with my loved ones.

Motto: Life is short. Eat dessert first!

Volunteer Spotlight

Meet Our Staff



Meet Amanda L'Esperance. She has been the store manager for Finders Keepers Resale since August of 2020. She brings her background knowledge of antiques & collectibles, as well as a passion for thrift, to our program. She has been working in the retail field for over 10 years. The thing she loves most about her job is finding happy homes for all the cool donations the store receives! Amanda is grateful for her team of co-workers and volunteers for the spirit of kindness and service they bring each day. Her motto is a quote from Eleanor Roosevelt "You must do the thing you think you cannot do."



Do you have a few hours a week to spare and want to make a difference in your community? Our program has several opportunities from kitchen prep, cashiering to meal delivery.

Meal Delivery - What a gratifying deed! Delivering nutritious, delicious meals to homebound residents in our community. Our meal delivery Volunteers pick up and deliver meals at our facility at 9:30am Monday through Friday. Each driver typically delivers one day per week for a couple of hours.

Kitchen—If you're an early bird, we can always use help in our kitchen where we prepare our meals fresh each day. Meal preppers start at 7am and usually finish up by 9am.

Store—Do you like to work with the public? If you do we have the volunteer opportunity of a lifetime! Our store is always looking for donation intake and cashiers. Our store is open between 9:30am & 5:30pm Monday thru Friday. Volunteer hours vary.

Our Board

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Adopt A Senior

Adopt a Senior for 1 Week

For only \$25 you can provide a senior with five days worth of warm, nutritious meals delivered direct to their door.

This is the equivalent to a hot cup of coffee every day at your local coffee shop

Adopt a Senior for 1 Month

For only \$100 you can provide a senior with a month's worth of warm, nutritious meals delivered direct to their door.

(20 days on average)

This is equivalent to a family of 4 eating out for one evening at an inexpensive restaurant

Adopt a Senior for 1 Year

For only \$1200 you can provide a senior with a full year worth of warm, nutritious meals delivered direct to their door.

(240 days per year on average)

This is equivalent to breakfast and a coffee at your local food chain on your way to work each day

Choose your level of support: _____

1 week = \$25

1 Year = \$1200

1 Month = \$100

Other: _____

Please Mail donations to:

Meals on Wheels of Charlotte County

3082 Tamiami Trail

Port Charlotte, FL 33952

All donations are tax deductible.

We are a public charity recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS under Section 501(c)(3)

Business Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Zip: _____

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Call Us at (941) 625-4343 For More Info

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