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UNITED WAY BLACKHAWK REGION AWARDS COMMUNITY GRANT TO BELOIT MEALS ON WHEELS

Beloit Meals on Wheels is pleased to receive a \$105,000 grant award from United Way Blackhawk Region (UWBR) to support our mission and commitment to home bound seniors. The funding is the first time UWBR lengthened its grant allocation cycle to 18-months.

“We are proud to be a partner of UWBR and truly thankful for their support and investment in our organization and the community”, says Ellen Wiegand, Executive Director. “For almost 50 years, Beloit Meals on Wheels has been providing nutritious meals, a friendly visit, and a safety check to help the elderly live healthier and more nourished lives in their own homes. Like many Meals on Wheels programs, our program started with a vision of volunteers who saw a need in the community and wanted to do something about it. Since 1999, Beloit Meals on Wheels has served over 500,000 meals, and we’re the only home delivered meal provider in the area that delivers meals 7 days a week, 365 days a year, including holidays. We couldn’t do what we do without the support of the community and the army of our volunteers, some 500 strong, who donate their time, gas and vehicle so no Beloit senior goes hungry.”

“The impact that we have, on the clients we serve, goes far beyond the wholesome meals we provide. Our staff and volunteers often develop friendships with our clients, as well as providing regular nutrition and daily contact to ensure that senior clients are safe and well. Without continued meal delivery, many seniors would not have a connection to the outside world.

“We are grateful for this grant award and the continued support of UWBR to help fight for the financial stability of seniors in our community.”

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About Beloit Meals on Wheels

For almost 50 years, Beloit Meals on Wheels has continued their mission and commitment in supporting senior neighbors to help them live healthier and more nourished lives in their own homes. At the core of our service is a nutritious hot meal, a friendly visit, and a safety check of our seniors. We can continue our mission with the support of the community and our incredible core of volunteers, some 500 strong, who deliver meals 7 days a week, 365 days a year including holidays. We are a non-profit 501c3 organization and a funded partner of United Way Blackhawk Region. More information is available at www.beloitmealsonwheels.org.