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Wesley Community Services Meals-On-Wheels Serves Northern Kentucky

On Wednesday, February 16th, Wesley Community Services, under contract with Boone County Fiscal Court, launched a pilot Meals-On-Wheels program to benefit Boone County elderly seniors.

On the first day of service 17 Boone County elderly seniors received Dietary Reference Index Meals that meet government nutritional guidelines.

One of the first clients to receive meals was Mrs. H who stated, "I am very thankful to receive the nutritious meals from Wesley Community Services. All of my prayers have been answered."

"With our client choice program, seniors love the fact that they can eat the meals they enjoy most as often as they want," stated Rev. Stephanie Tunison, MA, PCC, Chief Executive Officer, Wesley Services Organization, parent entity of Wesley Community Services.

Stephen Smookler, Executive Director, Wesley Community Services, explains "Seniors will have a choice of 15 nutritious meals delivered to their home on a bi-weekly basis."

Kirk Kavanaugh, Director of Boone County Department of Human Services, stated "The County was very impressed with the quality and affordability of the meals as well as the leadership at Wesley Community Services."

Shelley Kelch, Director of Case Management Services Northern Kentucky Area Development District, stated "The Home Delivered Meals Program is an essential service for individuals who are 60 years and older trying to remain independent in their homes. Boone County's Pilot expands the availability of the Home Delivered Meal Program while adding the component of choice for individuals. If you would like more information on this pilot or services for seniors in Northern Kentucky you can contact the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) 859-692-2480.

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About: Wesley Services Organization is the parent entity for Wesley Community Services and Lincoln Crawford. Wesley Community Services fosters and supports seniors seeking to remain in their home for as long as possible through the provision of essential home-based services including Home Care Assistance, Meals-On-Wheels, Specialized Transportation, and Pet Portions/PetKare Programs (free pet food and vet care for client pets) to over 2,300 seniors and individuals with disabilities. Wesley Community Services is funded by the Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio and is a United Way partner agency. For more information about Wesley Community Services call 661-2777, or visit www.wesleycs.org.