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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Wesley Foundation UC Students Lend a Hand To Seniors Meals-On-Wheels Program July 20, 2006**

What are college students doing on their summer vacation? Some are lending a hand helping out Cincinnati seniors. On July 20, students from the Wesley Foundation United Methodist Campus Ministry at the University of Cincinnati helped re-supply Wesley Community Services with pet food for its senior clients' pets.

Wesley Community Services provides free pet food to Meals-On-Wheels clients. About 15% of the 600 clients have at least one dog or cat. The donated Iams dog and cat food is stored at the SPCA of Cincinnati main warehouse. About 3,000 pounds of food needed transfer from the SPCA warehouse to Wesley Community Services Westwood offices for distribution. The agency needed people power.

Jeanne Smith, Executive Director of The Wesley Foundation, commented "The students made it happen, they are all animal lovers and wanted to help the seniors out."

Bill Reusing, Director of Development for Wesley Services Organization, contacted the student group and commented "We are trying to create opportunities that link students and seniors in need right here in Cincinnati and it is working."

Wesley Community Services provides services to seniors at home including Meals-On-Wheels, medical transportation, and homemaker/housecleaning services. In 2005 over 1800 seniors in the Cincinnati area were served by Wesley Community Services. Wesley Community Services is a United Way Partner Agency.

Photographs of this event are available upon request.