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**BANFIELD PET HOSPITALS LAUNCHES ITS 2007 SEASON OF SUPPERS  
CAMPAIGN TO COLLECT PET FOOD FOR WESLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES**

During this holiday season, from November 1 through December 31, three area Banfield Pet Hospitals: Western Hills (2310 Ferguson Road), Springdale (11741 Princeton Pike) and Colerain Township (10164 Colerain Avenue) will be collecting pet food from their customers to give to the “Pet Portions” program of Wesley Community Services, 3333 Glenmore Avenue, Westwood.

Since June, 2006, Wesley Community Services has been providing free pet food to its almost 1,800 senior clients. Wesley Community Services conceived the “Pet Portions” program after noticing that clients were sometimes sharing their Meals-On-Wheels food with their pets. “Many seniors’ sole companion is their pet, but quite a few of our clients can’t afford to buy pet food,” says Stephen Smookler, WCS Executive Director. “We realized we could do a better job of keeping our seniors healthy and happy by keeping their pets healthy and happy.”

Banfield’s more than 645 veterinary hospitals across the country are working in conjunction with the national Meals-On-Wheels Association of America (MOWAA). MOWAA pet food program “We All Love Our Pets” (WALOP) is an initiative that seeks to unite Meals-On-Wheels programs across the country to provide pet food to their senior clients.

Wesley Community Services seeks to foster and support the independence, dignity and functioning of senior citizens, including those who are low-income, who seek to remain in their home for as long as possible through the provision of essential home based services. Our Home Care Services, Meals-On-Wheels and Medical Transportation Services are available to residents of Hamilton, Butler and Clermont counties.

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