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Wesley Community Services Names Pet Portions Program After The Walter and Sophie English Foundation for 2009

The Walter English and Sophie English Charitable Foundation announced today a \$5,000.00 grant to benefit Wesley Community Services' Pet Portions program in response to seniors sharing their Meals-On-Wheels food with their pets. Since its inception in 2006 Wesley Community Services has delivered 200 to 250 pounds of pet food weekly to Greater Cincinnati area seniors and disabled. This is the second consecutive year Wesley has received a grant from The Walter English and Sophie English Charitable Foundation.

"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."

The Walter English and Sophie English charitable foundation is administered through the law firm of Ritter & Randolph, LLC. Mary Ann Jacobs, President, commented, "We are overjoyed from the success of Wesley Community Services Pet Portions program and will continue to do our part to ensure more seniors will benefit from this worthwhile initiative."

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Wesley Community Services seeks to foster and support the independence, dignity and functioning of senior citizens and individuals with disabilities, including those who are low-income, who seek to remain in their home for as long as possible through the provision of Home Cleaning Services, Meals-On-Wheels, Medical and Worksite Transportation, and a Pet Portions Program (free pet food for client pets) to 2,300 or more individuals in 2008. 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 513/661-2777, or visit www.wesleycs.org.