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**WESLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES “PET PORTIONS” PROGRAM PARTNERS
WITH THE IAMS COMPANY, WESTERN HILLS UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL KEY
CLUB, AND SPCA CINCINNATI TO PROVIDE FREE PET FOOD FOR
CINCINNATI AREA SENIORS**

Wesley Community Services, a non-profit organization providing services to Greater Cincinnati seniors, has partnered with The IAMS Company, Western Hills University High School Key Club, and SPCA Cincinnati to provide its Meals-On-Wheels recipients and other clients with free high-nutrition pet food for their cats and dogs. The program, entitled PET PORTIONS, was conceived in 2006 after noticing that clients were sometimes sharing their Meals-On-Wheels food with their pets and has since delivered 150 to 200 pounds of pet food weekly. Wesley Community Services has been purchasing its pet food for the past 18 months through a grant from The Walter English and Sophie English Charitable Foundation.

“Wesley Community Services Pet Portions program has significantly improved the quality of life for our Meals-On-Wheels clients who depend on their pet for companionship and safety,” said Stephen Smookler, Executive Director, Wesley Community Services.

The entire Wesley Community Services family thanks Nick Amorini and Zack Campbell from SPCA Cincinnati along with volunteers Michael Sizemore, Michelle Roddy, and Pamela New from Western Hills University High School Key Club who gave of their time and effort to load, safely transport, unload, and store IAMS dog and cat food donated by IAMS through SPCA Cincinnati. The high school Key Club is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Cheviot-Westwood. In

addition, special thanks to Diana Cron DVM, Co-owner, Glenway Animal Hospital; Julie Franklin, External Relations Coordinator, Procter and Gamble Pet Care; Lenora Krokum, Front Desk Supervisor, Gamble Nippert Y; and Mike Retzlaff, Director of Development, SPCA Cincinnati, for making “Pet Portions” a reality for Cincinnati area seniors.

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About Wesley Community Services:

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 Cleaning Services, Meals-On-Wheels, Specialized Transportation, and a Pet Portions Program (free pet food 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 513/661-2777, or visit www.wesleycs.org.

Picture captions:

Nick Amorini (left) and Zack Campbell (right) from SPCA Cincinnati

Michelle Roddy, Co-President (left), Pamela New (center), and Michael Sizemore (right) from Western Hills University High School Key Club