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**Wesley Community
Services Receives 500
Holiday Gift Sets**

Thanks to many thoughtful teens and young adults from Starfire Council of Greater Cincinnati, 500 Wesley Community Services Meals-On-Wheels clients will receive a beautiful holiday goodie bag full of personal care items and treats. “Our senior clients are truly indebted to the financial support from Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church for making these gifts a reality,” said Stephen Smookler, Executive Director, Wesley Community Services. Starfire is a place where people come together to be more involved citizens through shared interests and passions. Giving back to the community is an important part of Starfire’s mission. “Our seniors are delighted to receive these festive holiday gift bags,” stated Reverend Stephanie Tunison, Chief Executive Officer, Wesley Services Organization, parent organization for Wesley

Community Services. Sondra Lemkuhl, Meals-On-Wheels client expressed, "People don't usually think comfort items are special gifts, but to me they are so important. They really brighten my day and I look forward to them every year, thank you."

Gio Boeing, Program Coordinator for Teen and Young Adults at Starfire Council stated, "This is our seventh year providing holiday goodie bags to area seniors in need. It's our pleasure to help brighten the seniors' holidays and ring in the New Year."

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About Wesley Community Services:

Wesley Community Services (Wesley) fosters and supports seniors seeking to remain in their home for as long as possible through the provision of essential home-based services including Meals-On-Wheels, Specialized Transportation and Home/Personal Care. Wesley also has a Pet Portions program (free pet food for clients' pets) and PetKare program (vouchers for veterinary services for clients' pets). Wesley provided services to approximately 2,300 seniors and individuals with disabilities in 2010, is funded by the Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio, Boone and Kenton Counties, Kentucky, and is a United Way partner agency. For more information about Wesley Community Services call 513/661-2777, or visit www.wesleycs.org.

About Wesley Services Organization:

Wesley Services Organization is the parent entity of Wesley Community Services and Lincoln Crawford Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

About Starfire Council of Greater Cincinnati: Starfire enables individuals with disabilities to become active and vital members of the community. Since 1993, Starfire has offered innovative programs that address the emerging needs of teens and adults with disabilities. Its mission: to enrich the lives of teens and adults with developmental disabilities through unlimited opportunities that build independence and community inclusion. For information about Starfire Council call 513/281-2100, or visit www.starfirecouncil.org.