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Subject: Union County Senior Nutrition

Mayors and Managers,

Our board has discussed our Senior Nutrition Program several times over the past six months. We are extremely proud of this program; it provides an important service to a vulnerable portion of our population. Currently we spend just under \$1 million to provide 69,691 total meals. These meals are a combination of warm meals delivered by our 220 volunteers, and frozen meals delivered by a third party vendor. As we are all in our budget process I wanted to reach out with some information regarding the program. Currently we have a total of 375 seniors on a waitlist, and we do not have the funding to provide for those residents at the moment. We are confident that we will be able to continue to serve existing customers in the FY26 budget, but beyond that, we are not confident will be able to address the waitlist. A few months ago Wesley Chapel made the decision to fund meal delivery to the seven waitlisted people that lived within their jurisdiction. We are truly grateful for that participation that has allowed us to serve additional seniors. Several other jurisdictions have reached out to inquire about funding in a similar way.

Over the past two months our staff has gone through the waitlist to get a more up to date and accurate count. The below table shows the initial waitlist, and the current waitlist.

Unfortunately a lot of these folks have either passed away, or no longer live at home. For FY26 we anticipate the cost of frozen meals to be \$7.65 per day and warm meals to be \$5.60. This equates to an annual cost of \$1,989 and \$1,456 respectively. We try to serve as many people

as we can with warm meals, but some live too far from a meal prep site. The way the program would work is that we would establish a baseline for meals we are currently providing in your community. Any local funding from your jurisdiction would go to address the waitlist residents, not residents we are currently providing for. Again, we are grateful for Wesley Chapels participation, and if any other jurisdiction would like to have a conversation please reach out to me.

Municipality	Initial Waiting List	Current Waiting List
Fairview	14	6
Hemby Bridge	8	7
Indian Trail	77	57
Lake Park	7	4
Marshville	10	4
Marshville ETJ	8	9
Marvin	2	3
Mineral Springs	3	4
Monroe	108	78
Monroe ETJ	6	9
Stallings	32	29
Stallings ETJ	0	0
Unincorporated Union County (Excl ETJ)	197	117
Unionville	27	16
Waxhaw	25	9
Weddington	16	10
Wesley Chapel	7	0
Wingate	14	8
Wingate ETJ	11	3
Totals	572	373

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