

Senior Services of Southwest Michigan to deliver Meals on Wheels in Calhoun County



MARSHALL — Senior Services, Inc. of Southwest Michigan was awarded a contract from the Calhoun County Senior Millage for home delivered meals (Meals on Wheels) within Calhoun County at the Calhoun County Commission meeting on December 1st. Meals on Wheels brings a hot nutritious meal daily to homebound adults (60 and older) living within Calhoun County. Senior Services has provided Meals on Wheels service in Kalamazoo County for nearly 50 years, where it currently delivers over 885 meals per day.

Senior Services will initially provide service for 60 homebound seniors beginning in January, 2012. Another 90 patrons are scheduled to be added in March 2012, followed by an additional 90 in July.

Through a newly established agreement with Burnham Brook Center in Battle Creek, Senior Services will upgrade the center's kitchen and prepare meals on site in Battle Creek employing local staff. The kitchen upgrade is partially funded through a \$17,250 grant from the Battle Creek Community Foundation.

"We're very excited to bring our Meals on Wheel program and experience to Calhoun County," said David Carroll, Director of Nutrition Services for Senior Services. "Seniors here should greatly appreciate the quality, nutritional value and—best of all—the taste of our food."

Following the tradition established for Kalamazoo County, each meal will be locally prepared in Battle Creek in a Chef-driven kitchen and more than 90 percent 'made from scratch' with fresh ingredients. Meals are delivered between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. each day, Monday through Friday.

Individuals interested in volunteering for Senior Services Meals on Wheels in Calhoun County can call 269-441-9540 or 866-200-8877. Volunteers can donate as little as one or two hours per month, and be either a route driver or a "hopper," the person who takes the meals to the door.