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Volunteers Honored by Meals on Wheels

Anderson, SC – Shirley and Larry Pace of Anderson, who delivered routes for Meals on Wheels nearly 100 times during the past year, were named Volunteers of the Year at the agency's Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. The couple received the 2011 Lila Albergotti Volunteer of the Year Award, named for one of the founders of Meals on Wheels-Anderson and presented by service coordinator Cindy Culbertson.

"Shirley and Larry have run delivery routes up to five times a week and at times even two routes in one day," Ms. Culbertson said. "They have packed meals, worked at every fundraising event that we have held, and have trained new volunteers for us."

The Paces received their award at the annual luncheon at Anderson Civic Center, in front of staff, board members and a crowd of about 300 volunteers who donate their time, energy and automobile fuel costs to ensure that hungry seniors in Anderson County receive hot, nutritious meals each weekday from Meals on Wheels. "There are so many wonderful volunteers at Meals on Wheels that choosing an award-winner is no easy task," said Culbertson. "But this year we are honoring the Paces for the outstanding volunteer leadership they have exhibited over the past 12 months."

"We could not exist without our loyal volunteers," said Harold Gilbert, Meals on Wheels Board Treasurer. Executive Director Laurie Ashley agrees. "Our faithful, hardworking volunteers like Larry and Shirley enable us to deliver hot meals each day to nearly 650 people throughout Anderson County. We appreciate all our volunteers and thank them for their commitment to ending senior hunger in our county."

Currently, Meals on Wheels is seeking additional regular route drivers for all areas of Anderson County. They also need substitute drivers who could fill in for regular drivers taking time off for vacation during the summer months.

If you would like to find out more about how to volunteer for Meals on Wheels, contact Cindy Culbertson at 864-225-6800.