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#### Meals on Wheels Collin County Temporarily Suspends Meal Deliveries Due to Inclement Weather

McKinney, TX – January 7, 2025 – Meals on Wheels Collin County has announced the temporary suspension of meal deliveries on Thursday and Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> and January 10<sup>th</sup>, due to the forecast of severe inclement weather in the area. While the organization's physical office will be closed, operations will continue virtually to ensure the safety and well-being of seniors across the county.

In preparation for the weather, Meals on Wheels Collin County has proactively delivered **emergency shelf-stable meals** and **power outage kits** to seniors through its **Community Call to Action events**, including weekend deliveries. These emergency resources include flashlights, power banks, and batteries to help seniors remain safe and equipped during potential power outages.

"We prioritize the safety of our seniors and volunteers, and halting meal deliveries during dangerous weather conditions allows us to focus on proactive support," said Marzella Tyson, CEO/Executive Director of Meals on Wheels Collin County. "Thank you to our community of supporters who have helped equip our senior neighbors with meals and emergency resources ahead of this bad weather."

### **Upcoming Opportunity to Help**

Meals on Wheels Collin County invites the community to join its next Community Call to Action on Saturday, January 11th, at 9:00 AM to deliver emergency meals and resources to seniors. These deliveries ensure seniors are prepared for unexpected weather events and office closures.

"Participating in our Community Call to Action events is a direct way to make an impact in the lives of our seniors," added Tyson.

## **Available Support During Weather Closure:**

- Wellness Checks: Staff will contact seniors to ensure their safety and well-being.
- **Emergency Supplies:** Seniors requiring additional meals, power outage kits, or other resources can contact the main office at **972-562-6996**, which will remain open for calls.
- Preparedness Tips: Seniors are encouraged to charge power banks and flashlights ahead of the storm.

"We want to remind our community to stay safe, stay informed, and reach out to us if you know or see a senior in need," Tyson added.

Meals on Wheels Collin County will continue to monitor weather conditions and provide updates as necessary. For ongoing updates and information, visit mealsonwheelscc.org or follow us on social media.

#### **About Meals on Wheels Collin County**

Meals on Wheels Collin County is committed to serving the aging and disabled population through programs that reduce food insecurity, combat isolation, and improve the quality of life for seniors. With the support of dedicated volunteers and donors, the organization delivers thousands of meals annually while providing essential wellness services.

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