

Meals On Wheels of Asheville and Buncombe County

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HOLIDAY PHONE SCAM NOW UNDERWAY!

November 20, 2009- Officials at Meals On Wheels of Asheville Buncombe County want to make the public aware of a current holiday scam that is using the non-profit's name to solicit funds over the phone. The phony callers claim to be a group that is soliciting funds on behalf of Meals On Wheels to help feed elderly veterans in Buncombe County in order to obtain credit card information and money from good-hearted people who want to help.

“Meals On Wheels does not and never has solicited donations over the phone. When we heard about this scam, we were very upset that someone would use our good name and the work that we do to defraud people out of their money!” said Executive Director, Dianne Trammel. “We want to warn the public in hopes that no one falls victim to this scam and that the criminals will be caught.”

Meals On Wheels of Asheville-Buncombe County is the largest at-home meal delivery service provider in Western North Carolina. Each weekday, Meals On Wheels provides a hot, nutritious lunch to over 500 homebound seniors. The agency also offers several services to help enhance the quality of life for homebound seniors and insure that they can remain safely in their own homes to age with dignity. Support for Meals On Wheels primarily comes from the Asheville and Buncombe County community.

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