



Friendship Trays recipient Wallace Ervin holds his 1986 painting of his wife Pat outside their Charlotte home.

In 1997, decades after Charlotte native Wallace Ervin began to paint, a severe stroke slowed him down. Deliveries of nutritious meals ease his mind because, as he now struggles to care for his ailing wife Pat, he knows she is eating well.

Wallace and Pat Ervin, our volunteers,
other recipients,
staff and directors ...

We are Friendship Trays,
thanking you
for your ongoing support
and wishing you
A Joyous Holiday Season



Friendship Trays

Our Mission is: To deliver, in a caring and friendly manner, balanced meals to individuals in this community who are unable, because of age or infirmity, to obtain or prepare their own meal.

History

❖ Friendship Trays began in 1976 by purchasing meals from Mercy Hospital for delivery to six shut-ins in the Elizabeth neighborhood. Staff and volunteers work out of warehouse space donated in 1996 by Bruce & Laura Parker. The Parkers' support is another example of how Friendship Trays is built on donations like yours.

Today - Celebrating More Than 30 Years!

- ❖ We deliver about 750 meals daily, making us the primary meals on wheels program in Charlotte-Mecklenburg. It takes about 100 FAITHFUL VOLUNTEERS each weekday to prepare the trays and deliver the meals.
- ❖ 80% or more of those we serve live below the poverty level and receive subsidized meals.

The Future

- ❖ The number of seniors who need a home delivered meal is expected to grow. Your support benefits our community by helping keep people in their own homes - a key factor in the health of our neighbors today, and an issue that will be increasingly important as our population ages.
- ❖ We need continued financial and volunteer support to meet the need.
- ❖ \$1,170.00 will feed one person for a year.
- ❖ Call us about volunteer opportunities. Most of our volunteers are busy people, but have found a way to fit volunteering into their schedule. WE NEED YOU!

Friendship Trays depends on private donations. We are not a United Way or governmental agency. Friendship Trays is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Your gift is 100% tax deductible within the IRS charitable giving guidelines.