



When the Charlotte Observer went looking for examples of how helping agencies have been hurt by high gasoline prices, they found Levern Oxendine, at left, and Frank Gadsden leaving Friendship Trays to deliver meals.

“I know the gas is expensive, but [recipients] are in need of meals,” Gadsden said. “I think their needs are greater.”

There are no Pollyannas at Friendship Trays – just a lot of people doing what they can to serve their neighbors.

Join us, as a driver, as a kitchen volunteer, as a donor. Your neighbors in need of a nutritious meal thank you.



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What we do: We 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.

Why we need you: Friendship Trays receives no government funding and is not a United Way agency. All recipients are asked to pay something, but more than two-thirds live below the poverty line. And scores of people linger unserved, waiting for us to have the drivers and financial resources to serve them.

Why your gift matters: We are the primary meals-on-wheels program in Mecklenburg County. Your support helps keep people in their homes – a key factor in the health of our neigh-

bors today, and an issue that will be increasingly important as our population ages.

A proven need: Aging in place, bringing services like meals to people's homes, is cost-effective. The results from our 2006 recipient survey:

- 92.2% felt they were eating more nutritious meals now that they receive Friendship Trays.
- 96.9% felt that getting a meal and a visit from the volunteer each day helped them stay in their own home.
- 88.9% felt safer in their home because a volunteer was coming every day.

Our stewardship: Time donated by our 1,300 volunteers minimizes labor costs.



A recently completed conversion from hot to chilled meals means safer, tastier and better-looking food in home-delivered Friendship Trays. And the black plastic trays are "green": They can be recycled in the community's curbside bins.



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