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Meals on Wheels/Pelham Trails Garden Club Holiday Tree Program

(Greenville, SC, December 14, 2009) – Pelham Trails Garden Club is a small group of twenty-five members. For the last three years each member has decorated a miniature table-sized Christmas tree to be delivered to homebound individuals in our community during the holiday season. The members of the club purchase the trees and decorations.

Many individuals enjoy celebrating the wonderful traditions of the holiday season, but are unable to leave their homes or have the mobility they did in years past. Living alone, without anyone to check in on them, many must forgo decorations. In an effort to spread the holiday cheer, the Garden Club partnered with Meals on Wheels of Greenville County to get the trees to those most in need.

In the weeks leading up to Christmas the trees are delivered by Meals on Wheels volunteers who always report back the recipient's response. Volunteers receive big smiles, warm hugs, and multiple thank yous. Individuals have said "I had been wanting a tree and now I have one." Another wrote to say, "This beautiful tree lifted my spirits." Creating the trees certainly lifted the spirits of the donors. The trees are delivered to different clients each year and volunteers have spotted the trees from previous years as they deliver daily meals.

The Tree Program is spreading, and this year a member of the Garden Club recruited her fellow employees at AMEC to decorate an additional 20 trees to be delivered. It's a fun, easy way to celebrate the holidays and ensure the season of giving is felt by all.

To learn more about Meals on Wheels please contact Meals on Wheels at (864) 233-6565 or visit us at www.mealsonwheelgreenville.org.

Meals on Wheels enhances the quality of life of homebound individuals by providing nutritious meals, personal contact and related services. Meals on Wheels is not a United Way funded agency, but is supported by contributions from individuals, churches, civic groups, corporations, grants and foundations. For more information call 233-6565 or go to www.mealsonwheelsgreenville.org.

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