

Upcoming Special Events



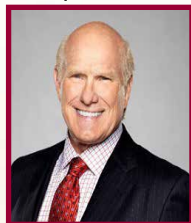
- ♦ 33rd Annual Charity Golf Tournament
Monday, April 28, 2025

Sponsorships Available

- ♦ Abilene Gives
Tuesday, May 6, 2025

50th Anniversary Celebration

- ♦ Thursday, May 22nd
- ♦ Guest Speaker



TERRY BRADSHAW

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I think you need to know.....

Congressman Jodey Arrington is Chair of the House Budget Committee and is proposing budget cuts that include the option for elimination of Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) funding. While I certainly understand the need to reduce spending and realize that significant changes may be necessary, I would like to bring to your attention the vital Meals on Wheels services provided by SSBG funds for the frail elderly and adults with disabilities.



Betty Bradley
Executive Director

Many states include Home Delivered Meals in the range of services provided by SSBG funding. In the Abilene area our program receives almost \$1.9 million annually which is used to provide a nutritious hot noon meal five days a week to SSBG eligible clients. Meals are delivered in Abilene and 14 small rural communities in five counties.

SSBG is the only federal funding this program receives. The remainder of our \$3.7 million budget comes from small fund raisers and contributions. The need has outpaced available funding and the program is experiencing large shortfalls. Current facts:

- 1,738 seniors and adults with disabilities are being served.
- \$6.46 per meal is received from SSBG for approximately 1,000 clients.
- \$9.80 is our budgeted cost per meal.
- SSBG funds must be matched by cash.
- 738 clients are on a waiting list for SSBG funding.
- Some 300 potential clients are on a waiting list to even receive services.
- Trained volunteers deliver meals and also do a wellness check on each person on their route.
- Nutrition and the safety check help people remain at home and reduce hospital stays.
- 61.3% of the clients responding to a recent Client Satisfaction Survey said that the meal they receive from Meals on Wheels Plus is more than half of the food they eat each day.
- Malnutrition due to multiple health problems, mobility issues and lack of financial resources are serious problems for our clients.
- The cost of meals for one person for an entire year is roughly the cost for one day in a hospital, or ten in a nursing home.

Loss of SSBG funding would have a devastating impact on the services Meals on Wheels Plus provides. Home delivered meals are low cost and an investment that helps to reduce medical expenses for at-risk elderly & younger adults with disabilities.

Your letters to Representative Arrington, as well as to members of the House Budget Committee, sent both to the Abilene and Washington D.C. offices would be a great help.

The Honorable Jodey Arrington—1107 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515 Jonathan.Kupperman@mail.house.gov

The Honorable Jodey Arrington—500 Chestnut Street, Suite #819
Abilene, Texas 79602 (325) 675-9779



To: Meals on Wheels

Thanks so much for all the meals and groceries you all have blessed me with. I look forward each day for the smiles and good wishes of everyone.

God Bless you all - Joann

Thank you so very much. It has been a blessing to me!

Thank you Meals on Wheels & the caring Volunteers for all you do.
Enjoying my meals! Letha

Thank you for the wonderful meals-they all are very good. I love the people that volunteer & work for you-thank you

Hazel

Thank you for all you do! I appreciate you so much!
Mary

Thank you for the good meals. I am enjoying them very much.
Judy

Mrs. Bradley,

Just wanted to let you know how much it means to have meals prepared for you.

The volunteers are pleasant, cheerful, and let their light shine every day I see them.

I am most grateful for this service in Abilene.

Sincerely, Gretchen



Greetings! Thank you to "Meals on Wheels" for all the selfless and dedicated service of all the Volunteers.

Your organization successfully reaches out to help the elderly. My father is a recipient of your hard work and kindness. I thank you for delivering meals to him.

For many of the elderly, this is their only "Social" connection with other people-that one visit from a kind and thoughtful Volunteer around noon-time each week day. I know my dad looks forward to those "visits"!

Thank you so much for all that the effort and dedication the volunteers put forth.

Keep up the amazing work!
God bless you all.

Sincerely, Joanna

Thank you so much for my meals. I am stronger now because of them. Your volunteer drivers are so kind and I admire them so much.

Thanks again for all you do!

Myra

Thank you so much for all you do. I want to especially thank the Volunteer who called the ambulance that day because they notice something was not right. My mother had a stroke and I was a work at the time. If the Volunteer did not come that day she would have been alone. My mother passed away on October 9th and she is at home with our Lord now.

Thank you again for all you do.

God Bless!

Janice

Thank you for delivering the amazing Christmas basket to my elderly parents. I was visiting when the basket came, and was totally blessed by the love that you shared. You are a true Godsend to so many homebound people in Abilene!

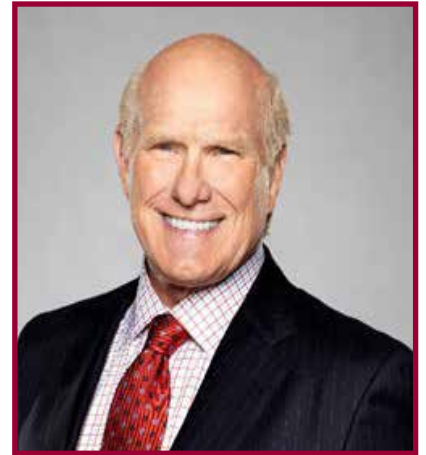
Celeste



50 Meals on Wheels Plus, Inc. Anniversary Celebration years 1975-2025

Topic: "Why Not Your Best?"

With amazing humor and down-home common sense, Terry looks at attitude, adversity & relentless competition as to what makes us successful.



**Guest Speaker
Terry Bradshaw**

Co-host and Analyst, FOX NFL Sunday and NFL Legend

Terry Bradshaw, the first NFL player with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, continues to defy easy pigeonhole. A four-time Super Bowl champion quarterback (Pittsburgh Steelers), two-time Super Bowl MVP, and Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee, Bradshaw retired in 1984 as one of the most prolific quarterbacks in NFL history.

Bradshaw's broadcasting career includes CBS Sports and Fox NFL Sunday, where he has earned multiple Emmy Awards. He is also an accomplished actor, appearing in films like *Failure to Launch* and *Father Figures*, as well as TV shows like *Everybody Loves Raymond* and *Better Late Than Never*. Additionally, Bradshaw is a gospel/country singer with Dove Award nominations and a Top 10 country hit, an author of five books, and a sought-after motivational speaker.

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May 22, 2025

6:30 p.m.

DoubleTree
by Hilton Downtown Abilene

**For more information
please contact**

**Betty L. Bradley at
(325) 672-5050 or email**

bbradley@mealsonwheelsplus.com

Individual Tickets
\$150

Funds raised will be used for current operations and the sustainability of Meals on Wheels for years to come.

In Loving Memory

Memorials for October 17, 2024 to December 31, 2024

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Amanda "Bobbie" &

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Joy Beard

Jane Geurin Bell

Betty Casteel

James Bennington

Ace Air Conditioning

Billy Berny

Robin & Ava Walker

Imogene & Bill Bleiker

Betty Casteel

Lonnie & Martha Boggs

Gene Bering

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☐ Mark your calendar! ☐ May 6, 2025

8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Abilene Gives is a 12-hour online giving event designed to empower our community to support local nonprofit organizations and causes that matter—all on one easy-to-use platform.

Giving to Meals on Wheels Plus has never been easier!

☐ Go online to www.abilenegives.org or scan QR code

☐ Donate to Meals on Wheels Plus

Your generosity helps provide meals and care to those in need—one donation at a time.

For questions, contact JoAnne at jglantz@mealsonwheelsplus.com.



IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER

For people age 70½ or older, the Charitable IRA Rollover is a tax-wise way to give to Meals on Wheels Plus, Inc.

What is a Charitable IRA Rollover?

Beginning at age 70½, people with an Individual Retirement Account or IRA are required to withdraw a minimum amount from their account every year. This is known as the required minimum distribution. Making a rollover gift from your IRA is an easy way for anyone 70.5 or older to have an immediate impact on Meals on Wheels Plus. The required minimum distribution is taxed as income. People who do not need the income or who wish to reduce their tax liability can meet the required minimum distribution by transferring funds from their IRA directly to Meals on Wheels Plus, Inc.



The process is simple:

You contact your IRA administrator to make a gift of up to \$100,000 from your IRA each year. You satisfy your annual required minimum distribution, but you can also avoid taxes on the amount given to Meals on Wheels Plus. This way of giving is called a Charitable IRA Rollover. IRA Rollover gifts are easy to make, but there are a few requirements.

- Donors must be age 70½ or older.
- Funds must come from a traditional IRA account.
- Your gift must go directly to Meals on Wheels Plus.
- Your IRA administrator can process the transfer for you.
- Your gift, your choice



When you make a Charitable IRA Rollover gift to Meals on Wheels Plus, you choose where you want your gift to make an impact. Your gift can be used for the Operating Fund, Groceries on Wheels or to the Meals on Wheels Plus Endowment Fund.

Next Steps to Make Your Gift:

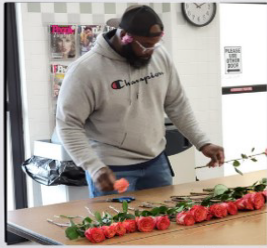
Please contact Betty Bradley at bbradley@mealsonwheelsplus.com or call 325-672-5050, if you have questions about using your IRA to support Meals on Wheels Plus, Inc.

To include Meals on Wheels Plus in your plans, please use our legal name and federal tax ID number. Please let us know if you have a special request about the use of your gift.



Legal name: Meals on Wheels Plus, Inc.
Legal address: P.O. Box 903, Abilene, TX 79604
Federal tax ID number: 51-0148188





Bronshay Limson works his magic with flowers every Friday.



Arriving early, he carefully cuts and arranges each bloom,



ensuring his clients receive stunning, handcrafted floral designs.



After a year away, Sue Ann Beggs made a wonderful return as a greeter, bringing her warm smile and welcoming spirit back to our team. We were thrilled to have her with us again!

We ♥ our Volunteers

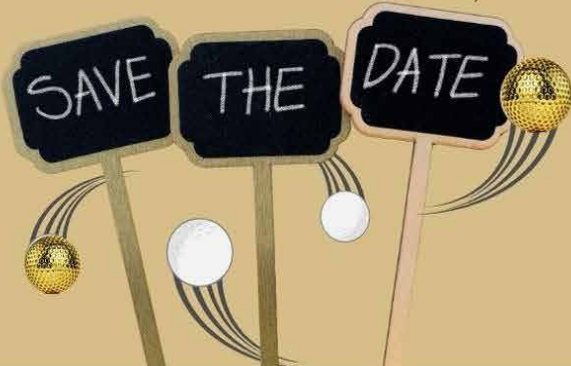
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If SSBG is cut, meal deliveries for more than half of those who rely on them could come to a halt, leaving many without food. You can take action by reaching out to Representative Jodey Arrington (R-TX-19), Chairman of the House Budget Committee. How you can help is **write a letter, call his office, send an email or all three**. His website also offers a section where you can submit your comments directly.



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We are pleased to announce that the Carl C. Anderson Sr. & Marie Jo Anderson Charitable Foundation in Austin has approved a generous Challenge Grant to support our mission.

This opportunity allows you to maximize your contribution, as the foundation will match every dollar donated, up to \$15,000.

To qualify for the match, donors must indicate that their gift is designated for the Challenge Grant. All funds raised through this initiative will support our Operating Fund, helping us address the growing demand for meals in Abilene, Anson, Aspermont, Ballinger, Eula, Hamby, Hamlin, Hawley, Hodges, Lawn, Ovalo, Potosi, Rowena, Tuscola, and Winters .

Your participation in this Challenge Grant will ensure that we can continue to provide essential nourishment to those in need. Every dollar you contribute will have twice the impact, allowing us to serve even more individuals who rely on our services.

We deeply appreciate your support and invite you to join us in rising to this challenge. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of many.