



We Energize Life

OG&E partners with Meals on Wheels for new OKC delivery route

OGE Energy Corp. Foundation donates \$50,000 to the nonprofit to serve more seniors



OG&E community outreach coordinator John Koons makes the first Meals on Wheels deliveries on the new Oklahoma City route made possible by a donation from the OGE Energy Corp. Foundation and volunteer commitments from OG&E employees.

OKLAHOMA CITY (Jan. 9, 2022) – OG&E announced a donation and special partnership with St. Luke’s United Methodist Church to support Meals on Wheels Oklahoma City. The OGE Energy Corp. Foundation’s \$50,000 donation will allow Meals on Wheels to add a new route to their service in west Oklahoma City, and OG&E employees will serve as volunteers to deliver the meals.

“We are grateful to OG&E not only for the donation, which will help feed more than 70 seniors in our community, but also to the electric company’s employees for volunteering their time to help us deliver food on the new route,” said Chris Lambert, Meals on Wheels OKC Director. “This generous donation will allow us to provide approximately 18,500 meals to our elderly and homebound neighbors.”

Meals on Wheels Oklahoma City is a nonprofit organization that delivers fully prepared meals to people aged 60 or older who are unable to leave their home without significant assistance and have no one who can prepare meals.

"We pretty consistently have a waiting list of folks who need our help," said Dr. Bob Long, St. Luke's Senior Pastor. "The donation and volunteer support from OG&E is going to help us significantly reduce that wait list and ensure our friends and neighbors have the sustenance they need delivered straight to their door by a friendly, welcoming face."

"It is an honor to help St. Luke's and Meals on Wheels in their mission to serve some of our community's most vulnerable residents," said Sean Trauschke, President and CEO of OG&E. "Meals on Wheels is an incredible ministry that provides critical resources for seniors, and we encourage others in the community to consider donating their time to help this organization further its impact."

This isn't the first time the foundation and Meals on Wheels have teamed up. In 2020, the OGE Energy Corp. Foundation donated \$250,000 to the Meals on Wheels OKC program. The funds were used to purchase food from local restaurants that were struggling. A portion of the donation also acted as seed money for a community market that now provides fresh produce to people every Friday. OG&E employees also regularly volunteer for the nonprofit.

"OG&E is already one of our top volunteer organizations, and we are so grateful for the longstanding partnership," said Lambert. "We can always use more hands to help bless those in need. Anyone can volunteer – no special skills needed! Just a smile and the desire to help others."

One in 12 senior citizens in Oklahoma County live in poverty, and nearly 16,000 lack consistent access to the food needed for an active, healthy life. Meals on Wheels Oklahoma City provides homebound seniors with nutritious meals to help them remain in their homes and maintain their independence and well-being. Home-delivered meals are available to all seniors 60 and older, regardless of income, who are unable to leave their homes without assistance and prepare meals due to health limitations. To apply to receive assistance or to volunteer for Meals on Wheels Oklahoma City, visit endinghungerokc.org.

The OGE Energy Corp. Foundation also contributed to the following community organizations in December 2022:

- Boys & Girls Club of Shawnee
- Center for Children and Families, Inc. of Norman
- Fields & Futures Foundation
- FIRST

- Harding Independence Charter District
- Junior Achievement of Oklahoma
- Oklahoma City Public Schools Foundation, Inc.
- Positive Tomorrows, Inc.
- ReMerge of Oklahoma County, Inc.
- Smart Start Central Oklahoma
- Thunder Cares Foundation

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About Meals on Wheels Oklahoma City

St. Luke's United Methodist Church is committed to Sharing God's Love and Bringing Hope to the World. We serve seniors through Meals on Wheels Oklahoma City and families in need through our Community Market OKC. Through our partnership with the Areawide Aging Agency, Meals on Wheels Oklahoma City works with churches and community organizations in Oklahoma County to deliver hot meals to homebound senior adults.

About OGE Energy Corp. Foundation, Inc.

The OGE Energy Corp. Foundation Inc. provides grants to 501(c)(3) charities to support programs, organizations and institutions that enhance quality of life and economic well-being in the communities that we serve.

The Foundation's giving programs support nonprofit organizations throughout our service area. In 2022, the financial investments from the Foundation topped \$3.1 million. Its focus areas include education, arts and culture, environmental stewardship, health and human services, and community development. The Foundation also matches employee contributions to institutions of higher education.

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