

# Randolph Senior Adults Association Celebrates 10 Years of “Stockings of Care” Program for Homebound Seniors

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The Randolph Senior Adults Association (RSAA) is proud to announce the continuation of its Stockings of Care Program, now celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> year. This heartfelt initiative aims to ensure that homebound seniors in Randolph County feel remembered and valued during the holiday season by providing them with festive stockings filled with thoughtful gifts.

In collaboration with the Meals on Wheel Program, RSAA volunteers recently delivered 357 handcrafted felt stockings to seniors across Randolph County. The beautiful stockings, lovingly made by the talented members of the Randolph Quilters Guild, accompanied nutritious hot meals delivered to seniors enrolled in the program. Each stocking was filled with an assortment of delightful treats, including candies, trinkets, puzzles, hygiene products and other items intended to bring smiles and warmth to those who may be feeling isolated during this festive time. For many seniors, this may be their only gift this holiday season.

“The holidays can be challenging for many older adults who may find themselves without a companion or family to share in the joy,” said Mark Hensley, RSAA Executive Director. “With the Stockings of Care Program, we strive to bring happiness and a sense of togetherness to seniors, reminding them that they are not alone during this special season.”

“The fact that our volunteers are knocking on homebound senior’s doors, not only with their daily nutritious meal, but also bringing some holiday cheer, that is what we’ve found is greatly appreciated,” said Hensley. “Some of these seniors don’t get anything at Christmas, not even a visit, so when they receive a gift it really brightens their day.”

Many individuals committed financially to the project and more than 40 volunteers gave their time to help prepare and stuff the stockings, including students from Uwharrie Charter Academy-Middle School Beta Club; members and parents of the Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont Troop #30061, members of the Asheboro City Council; RSAA Board Members, former RSAA Board Members, and community volunteers.

“We are truly thankful for an abundance of support,” says Hensley. “We could not continue this valuable work without it.”

This year's sponsors and contributing partners included: Members of the Randolph Quilters Guild; Sew Day Ladies; Sew-Busy Ladies Group; Kayser-Roth Corporation; Zooland Civitan Club; United Way of Greater High Point & Community Partners; Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont - Troop #30061; Uwharrie Charter Academy-Middle School Beta Club; Kathleen Witham; Gallimore Automotive; Asheboro Fire & Security, Inc.; Greg & Donna Patton; Randall & Vicki Morgan; RE/MAX Central Realty-Vickie Gallimore; David B. Malin, DDS; Vicki Cox-Humphries; Nancy Olson; Jerry & Susan King; Bill McCaskill; Vicky Rich; Elaine Potts; Kendra English; Clark & Diane Bell; Stephen P. Knight CPA, CGMA; Neil & Sandra Allen; Mark & Beth Hensley; Camelot Ct. #15 - O of A;; Staff Members of RSAA & RCATS; and a large amount of community donations.

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**About the Randolph County Senior Adults Association:** The Randolph Senior Adults Association (RSAA), a nonprofit organization, is the community's lead organization for adults ages 50 and over. RSAA is a United Way agency. For more information, visit: [www.senioradults.org](http://www.senioradults.org).



Caption: Melanie, a Cadette from the Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont Troop #30061, was all smiles as she enjoyed delivering a stocking and nutritious meal to a local senior.



Caption: Melanie (pictured left), a Cadette from the Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont Troop #30061, and her mother, Amberlynn, enjoyed brightening the spirit of a local homebound senior.



Caption: Girl Scouts and Leaders from Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont Troop #30061 enjoyed participating with the Stockings of Care Project and teaching the Scouts about giving back to the community.



Caption: Asheboro City Council Member Clark Bell works alongside many other volunteers to stuff more than 350 stockings for homebound seniors.



Made with love. Randolph Quilters Guild Sew-Day Ladies Group hand-sewed and contributed beautiful felt stockings.