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To: City of Clemson
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I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to appeal for your support in the wake of the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene. The impact of this powerful storm has left our homebound neighbors facing significant hardships. As you may know, Pickens County Meals on Wheels plays a critical role in providing nutritional meals to the most vulnerable members of our community – especially seniors and people with disabilities who are homebound.

In anticipation of this storm, PCMOW sent additional food to all of our homebound recipients. On Friday and Sunday our staff members worked diligently from home to conduct safety calls. We were able to contact most of our clients. They were all very thankful for the call by the simple reply “it makes me feel good that someone is checking on me”. Another client said, “I am so thankful to be a part of the Meals on Wheels program”.

The storm not only damaged homes and infrastructure but has also severely disrupted our ability to deliver the meals that so many rely on daily. Power outages, blocked roads and driveways are hindering our operations, while

the need for our services has dramatically increased.

As of yesterday, we resumed deliveries to all home delivered meal clients and have reopened both of our Young at Heart senior centers. Our volunteer drivers reported back to let us know what clients remain with no power.
In response to that need, we delivered shelf stable food items today and on Thursday and Friday we will send an extra hot meal to those clients.

In this time of great need, any support you can provide will go a long way in helping our senior community overcome this disaster.

On behalf of our board, staff and most importantly, those we serve, thank you for your support.

With warmest regards,

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Executive Director

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