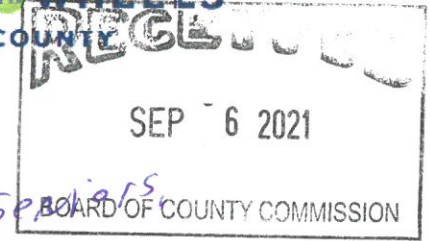




MEALS on WHEELS
PINELLAS COUNTY



August 27, 2021

Ms. Karen Williams Seel, Commissioner
Pinellas County
315 Court Street
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Ms. Williams Seel:

Thanks for helping seniors
KAW
Neil

RE: FY 2022 Donation/Funding Request

The COVID-19 stressors of isolation and uncertainty continue to affect our seniors especially vulnerable. In the last 20 months Neighborly has responded to the growing needs of food insecure seniors. In 2020 we served 588,739 meals, up from 333,000 in 2019. Partnering with local food banks, we are also delivering supplemental groceries to our most vulnerable clients.

Even before the pandemic, thousands of homebound senior citizens in Pinellas County were feeling threatened by hunger and isolation because they cannot afford to eat adequately or lack the skills, ability or motivation to cook for themselves; rarely do they have any human contact.

Neighborly Care Network, the provider of Meals on Wheels in Pinellas County, is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of older persons in need of **Nutrition, Transportation, and Adult Day Care** services. A champion for seniors since 1966, Neighborly has served the elderly with programs to help them maintain their independence and avoid premature institutionalization.

With over 50 years of caring for Pinellas seniors, Neighborly has the structure and the compassionate experience to respond immediately to our expanding client base. Hundreds of volunteers continue to deliver meals and reassurance to our frailest neighbors.

As you consider next year's budgetary needs of your community, please remember your frailest neighbors. We have enclosed a list of Neighborly services provided to your residents in from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. You will note that our federal funding requires a 10% match, which may well be our toughest challenge in more than 50 years. Your elderly neighbors need your advocacy now more than ever.

I am always available to review our services with you and can be reached at 727-573-9444 or by e-mail at dlomaka@neighborly.org

Thank you for your consideration.

David J. Lomaka
Executive Director

Neil Brickfield
Board Chair

Neighborly Care Network
Service Utilization Report by Municipality
July 1 2020 through June 30, 2021

The spreadsheet below lists the services Neighborly provided to your residents from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The first column displays the type of service received. The second column lists the total number of units (number of hours, meals, trips, etc.) provided. The third column displays the total number of clients that received those units of service. The fourth column details the unit cost Neighborly incurred providing these services; and the fifth and final column reveals the total dollar value of services received. For comparison, the lower portion of the spreadsheet details the entire County's utilization of Neighborly's services.

Neighborly receives its primary source of funding through Title III of the Older Americans Act (OAA). This funding requires Neighborly to provide local matching funds on a 90%/10% basis; i.e., for every nine dollars of federal funds received, Neighborly must raise one dollar of local matching funds. Without these necessary dollars Neighborly would be forced to reduce its OAA funding request and thus serve fewer hungry and isolated seniors.

<i>Service</i>	Pinellas County		<i>Cost for Service</i>	<i>Dollar Value of Service</i>
	<i>Total Units</i>	<i>Client Count</i>		
Adult Day Care	34,403	142	\$ 15.61	\$ 537,030.83
Nutritional Counseling & Risk Reduction	344	204	\$ 168.74	\$ 57,962.19
Nutrition Education	3,863	1,588	\$ 5.43	\$ 20,976.09
Meals	711,883	4,273	\$ 7.63	\$ 5,431,667.29
Transportation	37,950	1,730	\$ 23.52	\$ 892,584.00
<i>Totals</i>	<i>788,443</i>	<i>7,937</i>		<i>\$ 6,940,220.40</i>