



MEDIA CONTACT

Leah Halley
Director of Development and Public Relations
Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels
leah@fortbendseniors.org
281.633.7057

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Heaters Needed for Seniors in Fort Bend and Waller Counties

The snow of early December put many in the holiday spirit, but the cold temperatures that have blanketed Southeast Texas in recent weeks have left many area seniors struggling to stay warm.

Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels (FBS) is calling for members of the community to donate new, electric space heaters or money to buy them as soon as possible. The heaters will be delivered to seniors as soon as they arrive.

With lows forecasted to continue to be in the 40s for most of the coming week, FBS says the need is urgent.

"When the weather becomes extreme – whether during storms and floods like Harvey or winter cold – our mission is to make sure that our most vulnerable citizens receive the nourishment and reassurance they need," said Manuela Arroyos, Chief Executive Officer of FBS. "Right now many of our seniors just can't get warm."

To arrange a donation of a heater, please **contact Yolanda Saenz** at **281.633.7742** or by email at Yolanda@fortbendseniors.org.

Additional ways you can support our seniors include:

- **Financial gifts:** Donations can be made by visiting www.fortbendseniors.org/donate and click on the donate button. Specify "For Space Heaters" in the comments to allocate these funds for heaters, or leave blank to apply to greatest need.
- **In-kind Donations:** Donate Hygiene items for seniors (soap, toothpaste, adult diapers), supplemental drinks such as Ensure, as well as pet food (many of our seniors have dogs or cats, and these donations go a long way to help support their companion animals).
- **Volunteer:** Join a Volunteer Team by contacting Lisa Camp at lisa@fortbendseniors.org or direct line at 281.633.7053

In-kind donations can be delivered weekdays to Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels Senior Center in the Bud O'Shieles Building at 1330 Band Road, Rosenberg between 8-5 pm.

###

About Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels

Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels, a United Way Agency, is committed to helping seniors remain independent by enhancing their quality of life through services and resources. Fort Bend Seniors is qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code as a non-profit corporation, and as such contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent as allowed by law. For more information about Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels, visit www.fortbendseniors.org.