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Dear Meals on Wheels supporters,

Please take a moment to read the enclosed 2020 Annual Report and take note that while many of us view 2020 as "less," for Meals on Wheels, it was "more." We served MORE clients and delivered MORE meals using MORE volunteers. During these never-before-seen times, Meals on Wheels has been blessed with a steady stream of brave volunteers, community guidance through swiftly changing times, words of encouragement and a jump in donations. Our need increased, but our resources were equally abundant. Thank you for helping us through a challenging year without missing a beat.

The numbers are only one representation of our increased impact during a year of crisis. Client comments and notes have been treasured motivation as they expressed how critical our delivery was even if when we couldn't have face-to-face conversations. Some of our drivers and clients left notes for each other in the coolers; other clients had signs in their windows to communicate their love; and many of our clients would talk through the glass door to our precious drivers. Communication became as vital as the food we were delivering.

When we cancelled BIG WHEELS in 2020, we felt certain we would be able to have that fundraiser in 2021. However, the success of our annual BIG WHEELS fundraiser (usually in April) depends on many partners, including food service (supplies and hiring), available staging areas and delivery volunteers, many of which still present challenges as a result of COVID. Because of this, we have decided we cannot host the BIG WHEELS fundraiser successfully this year and will postpone until April 2022. Our challenge now is to raise the \$40,000 we planned to generate with BIG WHEELS in 2021.

Even without an event to mark their sponsorship, several BIG WHEELS sponsors are sending their gifts to support Meals on Wheels. We are tremendously grateful for funds from **Central Bank of Boone County, Veteran's United Foundation, The Trust Company, Williams-Keeper, Missouri Employers Mutual, Shelter Insurance, SAY Insurance, and Kerry Bramon Remodeling and Design** that would have been set aside for sponsorship, but now can be used for feeding our seniors. Together these business leaders have given over \$12,000! Please thank them when you visit their businesses in the future.

If it is within your means and heart to give, please use the enclosed envelope or the Donate button on our website at www.mealsonwheelscolumbia.org. You won't receive a delicious Panera lunch this time, but I'm confident you will feel tremendous gratification knowing you've helped Columbia's seniors in an especially serious time of need.

Our deepest gratitude,

JoNetta Weaver

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