



January 27, 2012

Dear Jordan:

Meals on Wheels-Anderson was extremely excited to hear that you wanted to raise funds to purchase an AED (automated external defibrillator) and ensure training for the staff. This could be an invaluable addition to Meals on Wheels.

We have more than 450 volunteers in our center over the course of a week. They are here to help pack meals and deliver them each weekday to at least 650 elderly and homebound citizens in Anderson County. The majority of these volunteers are senior citizens themselves who are dedicated to giving back to the community. Quite honestly, we could not provide the services we do without their help.

To have an AED on location at our center could very possibly help us save the life of one of our volunteers. We receive calls every few months learning that one of our volunteers has had a heart attack. This could easily happen at the Meals on Wheels center; we are simply lucky that it hasn't.

Additionally, we host several off-site fundraisers that are open to the general public where more than 400 people are typically in attendance. We could most definitely use the AED at these functions to further ensure the safety of our guests and assist in our emergency preparedness.

I appreciate your consideration of our needs. It would be an immeasurable asset for our organization and those who give of their time to support us. The volunteers that serve Meals on Wheels and the donors that attend our events are the lifeline of our program. Please help us to be a lifeline for them, should they ever need it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laurie H. Ashley".

Laurie H. Ashley
Executive Director