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Friends of Jackson Seniors—Meals on Wheels Receives Grant from Chelsea-Based UMRC Foundation

Contribution will Support Essential Services to Jackson area Older Adults

Chelsea, MI, Dec. 12, 2016 –The United Methodist Retirement Communities (UMRC) Foundation today announced it will contribute \$3,333 to Friends of Jackson Senior (FOJS), who supports Meals on Wheels in Jackson County.

The gift will be used to provide more than 1,300 nutritious daily meals to area seniors, along with the warmth, company and friendship of delivery team members.

“UMRC’s support allows us to meet the needs of a growing population of older people in our service area,” said Diane Derby, FOJS president. “Winters are difficult for seniors, particularly when they are confined to their homes. They need social contact and smiles, along with good nutrition—and that is precisely what Meals on Wheels offers each and every day.”

“UMRC’s commitment to meeting the physical and emotional needs of older adults doesn’t end at the doors of our facilities,” said UMRC Foundation president Wendy Brightman. “It is part of the UMRC Foundation’s mission to support agencies that are doing great work on behalf of seniors in the communities UMRC serves, including Jackson. We believe strongly in partnering with like-minded organizations whose work in communities helps people age in place. We recognize the quality services and leadership of Friends of Jackson Seniors—Meals on Wheels and are pleased to play a role in their future support for seniors.”

The FOJS grant was made as part of a trio of contributions announced today by the UMRC Foundation. Other recipients included Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels and Focus: Hope.

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About the UMRC Foundation:

The UMRC Foundation is the charitable arm for United Methodist Retirement Communities, with headquarters in Chelsea, Michigan. Since its inception in 1998, the UMRC Foundation has provided over \$15,000,000 through its Benevolent Care Fund to help UMRC residents remain in their homes when they outlive their resources. The mission of the UMRC Foundation is to promote the wellness, dignity, and independence of seniors by supporting UMRC residents, staff, and the communities UMRC serves. umrcfoundation.com | 734.433.1000

About Friends of Jackson Seniors—Meals on Wheels:

Friends of Jackson Seniors supports Meals on Wheels which is one of the largest programs that helps older adults live independently.

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