



Helping Butler County Older Adults Manage the COVID-19 Crisis

Belle Tower residents receive special meals and much-needed supplies during the pandemic

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Many Butler County older adults need a little extra help because of the coronavirus pandemic. Through partnerships with area organizations, Council on Aging (COA) and Butler County's Elderly Services Program (ESP) identified seniors in need, responding with personal care supplies and food.

Through a partnership with LaRosa's Pizzerias, low-income seniors in Butler County and other parts of southwestern Ohio are receiving a welcome change of pace to their daily meal. One such delivery was to the residents of Hamilton's Belle Tower Apartments on April 17.



Surprising the residents, COA worked with ESP provider, Central Connections, to deliver approximately 125 LaRosa's famous recipe spaghetti dinners that brought smiles to the residents' faces. COA also delivered boxes of personal care supplies for each resident.

Lisa Bendescu is the building manager at Belle Tower and said that "most [residents] are scared because of COVID-19. This was a wonderful treat for them, and I heard many of them say that they will visit LaRosa's more often when they can get out."

Cheryl, Belle Tower resident, was especially grateful. "It was a very wonderful thing you did...It's nice to have something from the outside since we can't go out."

Similar deliveries occurred at Sherman Manor the same day.

For more information about how Council on Aging and the Elderly Services Program are serving older adults during the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit www.help4seniors.org. Any senior who needs help during the COVID-19 pandemic should contact Council on Aging at 513-721-1025 or Butler County ESP at (513) 868-9281.