

New wheels for VNA Meals on Wheels

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The Visiting Nurse Association of Porter County's new Meals on Wheels truck hits the road this week.

The blue and white Chevrolet Colorado Hotshot will help the VNA ensure food safety for Meals on Wheels clients through its onboard temperature control. The truck will be used to pick up meals prepared at Pines Village Retirement Community and deliver them to Alterra Sterling House in Portage, where VNA Meals on Wheels volunteers will distribute them to clients in the Portage area.

In honor of the nearly 500 VNA volunteers who make programs such as Meals on Wheels and Hospice possible, the new truck features photographs of VNA volunteers. After the truck was delivered, some volunteers pictured on the truck gathered to celebrate on a cold, windy and rainy afternoon.

"Volunteers are essential to the VNA in nearly everything we do. And now we are looking for volunteers to help drive our new truck," said Janelle Zolkowski, Meals on Wheels coordinator.

Volunteer drivers are needed from 9:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. five days a week. Volunteers may choose to drive one day a month, several days a week or anything in between.

VNA Meals on Wheels has provided nutritional, hot lunches to Porter County residents since 1974. Anyone interested in becoming a Meals on Wheels volunteer is asked to call the VNA at (219) 462-5195. For more information, visit www.VNAportercounty.org.



VNA volunteers gathers at Pines Village to celebrate the new VNA Meals on Wheels truck. From left are: Jean Brutout, Marcia Sundberg, Leo Prassas, Lynda Krueger, Shellie Littlejohn, Barb Claypool, Leo Simon, Bob Claypool and Sherri Nibbe.