LIVING LIFE TO THE FULLEST
Mr. Thacker is thankful for friends like you

An accomplished swing musician and Army veteran, Mr. Thacker has always had a fulfilling, active life — and that hasn’t changed as he’s gotten older.

At the age of 18, Mr. Thacker moved to California, where he worked at the University of California, Berkeley. In the evenings, he enjoyed playing piano at local establishments.

“I just loved playing music, and at times, I wished the evening wouldn’t end so I could keep playing,” he says.

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That love of music eventually led to him playing in a number of bands, as well as for some well-known western swing and country artists. But first, he spent time serving in the Army.

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Dear Friend,

I’d like to take a moment to thank you for all the incredible work you’ve made possible this past year.

We have some big news to share with you — and it wouldn’t have been possible without the support of friends like you!

Because of you, we’re excited to announce we’ve been able to grow our service area to now include Navarro County — allowing us to reach even more seniors who need our help and enable them to live with dignity and independence.

That means we have some major changes in store — most importantly, our name! To better represent our newly expanded service area, our new name is Meals on Wheels North Central Texas.

As we go through this exciting transition, we’re so grateful we can continue to count on friends like you who care about helping seniors in our community.

With the increased number of seniors we’ll be serving, your support is even more important.

Please take a moment to read through this issue of Friends at the Door and see all the good you’re doing for seniors in need.

I hope it inspires you to continue helping your older neighbors with another generous gift today.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Christine Hockin-Boyd
Executive Director
Drafted at 20 years old, he served at Fort Ord on Monterey Bay and was selected for the Officer Candidate School before being sent to Korea. He was then stationed in San Antonio before returning to civilian life.

Marriage, three children, and a successful career of 33 years followed. Through it all, Mr. Thacker’s love of music thrived. In 1994, he was inducted into the Western Swing Society Hall of Fame in California and later, in 2010, the Western Swing Music Society of the Southwest Hall of Fame.

Now at 89, Mr. Thacker still hasn’t let anything slow him down. He even still enjoys playing piano several times a week at a local senior facility — and it’s thanks in part to friends like you!

With the death of his wife in 2018, Mr. Thacker began receiving meals. He now looks forward to the warm, healthy meals and friendly visits from the volunteers.

“If I didn’t have Meals on Wheels, I probably wouldn’t have hot meals because I’m alone, and I don’t cook,” he says. “I really am glad for Meals on Wheels. They help a lot of people who wouldn’t have anything healthy to eat otherwise.”

Thank you for giving seniors like Mr. Thacker the nutritious meals and friendly visits they need to continue living their lives to the fullest!