CONNECTING WITH PEOPLE IN A 'MEANINGFUL WAY'



You can't buy LOVE but you can buy LOCAL. And that's sorta the same thing.

Once a month, Jennifer Holley's job takes on a whole new meaning.

She loads the back of her car with prepared meals for several area residents who depend on the Valley Meals on Wheels program to remain independently living in their homes.

There would be no Valley Meals on Wheels program without the generosity of volunteers like Holley and the company she works for, Inland Cellular, said Claudia Jones, president of the Valley Meals on Wheels hoard of directors.

Valley Meals on Wheels is supported by seven driving teams of two or more employees from local businesses. They deliver meals on one of seven routes in both Lewiston and Clarkston.

Several teams have taken on extra routes when the program has been temporarily short of drivers, Jones said. In 2021, volunteers delivered 50,493 meals to elderly, disabled, and home-bound seniors in Nez Perce and Asotin counties.

Inland Cellular volunteers have been helping with meal delivery once a week for more than five years, Jones said.

For Holley, it's a day she looks forward to every month.

"It's just so rewarding to connect to people in such a meaningful way," Holley said. "This means so much to me, and I know my coworkers feel the same way.

"It's great to work for a company that cares so much about the communities it serves."

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