

Meals on Wheels is a Driving Force for this Volunteer

Everybody loves a volunteer like Mike Schmidt.

Kelly Heyn, executive director of Meals on Wheels, loves Mike for his dependability and flexibility as a volunteer.

The Sheboygan & Plymouth Area United Way loves Mike because he exemplifies everything a volunteer should be in the United Way movement.

The Kohler Credit Union loves Mike because of his dedication as the credit union's vice president of business development, community and government relations and his spirit of volunteerism as he lives his company's logo, "People helping people".

But most of all, Mike's "peeps" love him because of the genuine caring interest he shows all of them when he delivers meals on wheels to his "regulars" at the St. Nicholas Apartments. This has been Mike's delivery route for the past 6 years although he often picks up extra routes whenever he can. His goal for each delivery is to "help them when I'm there."

On a routine Meals on Wheels delivery day, Mike interacts with each person, cheering them up, asking if they need anything, noting if there is something amiss in their usual routine that may need to be reported to the staff at Meals on Wheels. He makes the day for Marcella, Iona and Hildegard who eagerly await his visits and he arrives armed with a warm noon meal and a cold sack lunch for supper. More than the meals, it's his kind words and concern that charm them as he assures them of how beautiful they look during each visit.

Mike does his Meals on Wheels volunteering during his noon hour with the blessing of his employer, Kohler Credit Union, a true believer in providing more than just monetary support to the United Way and the community. Always in need of additional volunteers for Meals on Wheels, Kelly Heyn would love to hear from anyone interested in joining the fleet of about 1,000 volunteers who deliver hot and cold meals to more than 470 homes in Sheboygan County every week, Monday through Friday. Take a break from your busy day by doing something for others in need; call Kelly today at 920-451-7011.