

*Your gift will help an older person stay warm this winter!*

Dear Friends,

**We are so thankful for the many ways you go above and beyond to help those in need.** Your assistance to those who are vulnerable and struggling is priceless. Among those who struggle most this time of year are our region's elderly as they face paying higher heating costs. We are asking for your support to help your older neighbors and friends who find themselves in emergency heating situations during the cold winter months.

We hope you will consider participating in **HEARTHARMING SUNDAY**, an annual event held on the Sunday before Valentine's Day when area churches come together to provide a much-needed boost to Mountain Empire Older Citizens' Emergency Fuel Fund for the Elderly. This year's **HEARTHARMING SUNDAY** falls on February 12.

Since November 1, MEOC has assisted 783 individuals, resulting in expenses of \$179,480. Some of the winter's largest heating bills often come in February and March. Contributions received from **HEARTHARMING SUNDAY** will allow MEOC to fulfill assistance requests from our older friends and neighbors through the winter season.

For **HEARTHARMING SUNDAY**, churches and individuals assist in the way that works best for them. Some churches have special love offerings from their congregations, while others simply share this letter, allowing individuals or small groups to take on **HEARTHARMING SUNDAY** as a benevolence project.

Without your generosity and concern for the safety and well-being of our older friends and neighbors, this help would not be possible. The support you give to MEOC's Emergency Fuel Fund for the Elderly is so valuable and appreciated. **Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!**

Sincerely,



Michael Wampler



Marsha Craiger



*Yes, I want to make a special donation for older people in need!*

Church/Individual Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed

\$

Please make check payable to MEOC  
Emergency Fuel Fund for the Elderly.

Mail donations to MEOC, PO Box 888, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219. You may also go to [www.meoc.org](http://www.meoc.org) and click on payments/donations, which allows you to make a one-time or monthly contributions.