

## Community Supported

Venice Area Mobile Meals, Inc. is a community success story, and would not have been able to provide over 1.4 million nutritious meals without the countless hours of volunteers, financial support from the community, and the excellent working relationships and services provided by other non-profit organizations and local businesses.

Venice Area Mobile Meals gratefully recognizes Village on the Isle for its outstanding service to the Venice community by providing meals, assembly and office space which has enabled the continuing success of Venice Area Mobile Meals since 1983. A reasonable cost meal service provided to area recipients would not be possible without our long-standing business partnership with Village on the Isle. Learn more about Venice's only faith-based, not for profit continuing care retirement community at [villageontheisle.com](http://villageontheisle.com).



Venice Area Mobile Meals gratefully recognizes Gulf Coast Community Foundation for grants to improve efficiencies, and funding in 2012 for 6,500 meals. Gulf Coast initiatives **Gulf Coast Gives** assisted in our fundraising efforts and **You'd Be Perfect for This** helped recruit needed volunteers.

**GULF COAST  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

Gulf Coast Community Foundation is a public charity that was

created in 1995 through the sale of the Venice Hospital. Since then, it has welcomed more than 500 charitable funds established by generous donors and funded more than \$136 million in grants in the areas of arts and culture, health and human services, education, civic and economic development, and the environment. Learn more at [GulfCoastCF.org](http://GulfCoastCF.org).

## About Us

A group of citizens, organized by founder Edward Cruse, started the meal delivery program in 1969. Meals

were initially prepared at St. Martha's Church in Sarasota and distributed from the Venice-Nokomis United Methodist Church. In 1978 the local service program became Venice Area Mobile Meals, Inc., a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

Venice Area Mobile Meals is a fiscally responsible, all volunteer organization. Donations are required in order to provide meals for recipients who are financially qualified as unable to afford the cost of their meals.

Overall direction and financial management is provided by a Board of Directors. The office is staffed each morning with 2 managers, and other volunteers twice weekly for data entry. Route Directors manage 16 routes and over 160 drivers and substitutes.

Venice Area Mobile Meals, Inc. is not associated with Meals on Wheel Association of America, nor does the organization receive any financial funding or support from any government entity.



**Venice Area Mobile Meals, Inc.**  
Our volunteers make a difference, one meal at a time!

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Venice, FL 34285**

**Office: (941) 488-1889**

**Hours: Monday - Saturday 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.**

**Learn more at [www.veniceareamobilemeals.com](http://www.veniceareamobilemeals.com)**

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## Meals on Wheels

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**An all volunteer  
501(c)(3) non-profit  
community service  
organization serving the  
greater Venice, Florida area**



### Our Mission

is to deliver a warm, nutritious noon time meal, daily except Sunday, to any person in the Greater Venice, Florida area unable to prepare a meal because of a physical or mental disability. There are no age restrictions.

### Meal Service

Our service area extends from Blackburn Point Road in Osprey to Manasota Beach Road in South Venice, from the Gulf of Mexico to I-75 and River Road.

Our service is available as long as required.



Meals are prepared daily on the premises of Village on the Isle in Venice, FL.

Hot entrees are quickly distributed to drivers and packed into insulated containers for delivery.

An average of 165 meals and friendly conversation are

delivered each day, 6 days a week, Monday through Saturday, 52 weeks a year, holidays included.

One phone call to our office at (941) 488-1889 starts the service. After office hours, an answering machine takes all calls day or night. After office hours calls are returned the next business day where necessary.

### Meals

Each consist of about 800 calories, including entree, vegetables, salad and dessert. Fruit is provided as dessert for diabetics.



Meals are not subject to choice, but vary daily.

Meal cost is minimal and each recipient is billed monthly.

### Notice to Meal Recipients

If you are not going to be home to receive your meal, you must leave a cooler with an ice pack outside your door. Our drivers are instructed not to leave a meal if there is not a cooler with ice.

To cancel a delivery, you must call our office at (941) 488-1889 or have someone call for you prior to 8:30 a.m. on the scheduled day. The call is necessary to avoid being charged for that day's meal.



### Our volunteers make a difference each day

By giving on average 2-3 hours of their time each week, last year our 200 volunteers donated nearly 14,000 hours of their time to Venice Area Mobile Meals..

Our drivers alone totaled over 8,700 hours of meal delivery. Office managers provided almost 2,000 hours of in-office coordination. Additional volunteers provided over 200 hours of data entry service. Transportation and route directors, financial management, public relations, information management and Board of Directors provided over 3,000 hours. Every little bit adds up! These individuals all feel a strong calling to help in any way they can.



Make a difference ... Consider volunteering today!

### Donations are gladly accepted

The meal expense incurred is paid by recipient payments for meals, and by donations made to Venice Area Mobile Meals.

Our donations come from a variety of sources:

- Individual and organization one-time, monthly or yearly donations
- Memorials from people honoring friends and loved ones
- Bequests assigned by wills, trusts and estates
- Community associations, mobile home parks, civic clubs and veteran organizations donate on a regular basis
- Specific goal-oriented fundraising programs

Consider Venice Area Mobile Meals, Inc. in your charitable giving. Donations are accepted by mail and on our website at [veniceareamobilemeals.com](http://veniceareamobilemeals.com).

All donations are tax exempt under I.R.S code 501(c)(3).

Speakers are available for any group gathering to provide additional information. Invite Venice Area Mobile Meals to your next community meeting.