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OPERATION HEAT RELIEF FOR SENIORS - This Saturday Operation Home and Lowcountry Senior Network Deliver Air Conditioners

Mt Pleasant, SC: At 9 am Saturday, June 19th volunteers from Lowcountry Senior Network will gather at Lowes in Mt Pleasant to pick up air conditioning units and deliver them directly to low income seniors throughout the Tricounty who have no other way to cool their homes in the sweltering lowcountry heat. The efforts are part of Operation Home's Heat Relief Program, which provides air conditioning units to low income families. The program has distributed more than 50 air conditioning units over the last month, and will distribute 85 by the end of the week.

"We have been experiencing record breaking heat over the past several days," says Anna Hamilton, Operation Home's Executive Director. "For people with no way to cool their homes this kind of heat is dangerous, especially for older adults." The Lowcountry Senior Network will be distributing units throughout the Tricounty area to seniors, many of whom lack transportation to get to Mt Pleasant to pick up a unit from Operation Home's office. "Having Lowcountry Senior Network deliver units directly to people in need removes the transportation barrier, which frequently limits access to programs like this," said Hamilton.

The sharp increase in temperatures has lead to a huge demand for air conditioning units. The number of units provided through the program is dwindling, and Hamilton expects to run out within a couple of days. "There are still people who need a way to cool their homes, but we are going to run out of units," says Hamilton, who estimates that at least another 30 to 40 units are needed to last through July. Donations to purchase a unit, which cost about \$100 a piece, can be made by visiting Operation Home's website at www.operationhome.org

The Lowcountry Senior Network is the premier networking organization for professionals in the lowcountry who are committed to providing quality service to seniors, caregiver and their adult children. For more information visit www.lowcountryseniornetwork.com.

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