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NO HARD CANDY CHRISTMAS FOR MEALS ON WHEELS RECIPIENTS

A harsh winter economy gave way to sunny skies, mild temperatures, and a surprise visit from Santa Claus when more than 700 volunteers gathered early Christmas morning to help the Visiting Nurse Association deliver Meals on Wheels.

A special Christmas meal of glazed ham, candied yams, green peas with onions, wheat bread, pecan pie, and milk was delivered to more than 3,200 homebound frail elderly, sick, and disabled residents of Dallas County on December 25. Gift bags from Santa were included with the Christmas meals on the 323 delivery routes.

Christmas Meals on Wheels were prepared for the first time at the Visiting Nurse Association's new Patrick and Beatrice Haggerty Center in Dallas. Volunteers, including more than 50 from the Sri Sathya Sai Baba organization, helped not only deliver Meals on Wheels, but also distributed route maps to drivers and loaded meals and gift bags into their cars.

Information about volunteering to deliver Meals on Wheels next Christmas or anytime during the year can be obtained by contacting Betsy Cox, Director of Volunteers for the Visiting Nurse Association, at 214-689-2210 or coxbe@vnatexas.org.



Santa dropped by Christmas morning to wish Nancy Jellinek, the Visiting Nurse Association's Eldercare coordinator, and the 700 Meals on Wheels volunteers a Merry Christmas.



More than 700 volunteers helped get 3,200 Meals on Wheels and gift bags delivered Christmas morning for the Visiting Nurse Association.

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