

## **IT'S CLEAR SKIES FOR SOUTHWEST AIRLINES "MEALS ON WHEELS BLITZ"**

Heavy rains the previous day gave way to bright fall skies as the Southwest Airlines "Meals on Wheels Blitz" took flight October 13 from the company's Love Field offices. More than 500 Southwest Airlines employees gathered there to deliver Meals on Wheels in Dallas County for the Visiting Nurse Association.

The effort relieved VNA from having to pay drivers to deliver 156 Meals on Wheels routes that day. The money saved makes it possible to take three seniors off the waiting list to receive Meals on Wheels and provide them with the service for an entire year. Approximately half the Meals on Wheels delivery routes in Dallas County are currently driven by paid drivers because of a shortage of volunteers.

"Southwest Airlines employees are so enthusiastic about our annual 'Meals on Wheels Blitz' that had it rained today, they would have used umbrellas or worn raincoats to get the meals delivered," said Sharon Rankin, Meals on Wheels volunteer coordinator for Southwest Airlines. "Southwest Airlines challenges other companies in the Dallas area to step forward and help VNA with its need for volunteer drivers," she added.



Information about delivering Meals on Wheels in Dallas County can be obtained by calling 214-689-2210 or going online at [www.vnatexas.org](http://www.vnatexas.org).

**Sharon Rankin, Meals on Wheels volunteer coordinator for Southwest Airlines, and Robert Carpenter, president and CEO of the Visiting Nurse Association, at the October 13 "Meals on Wheels Blitz."**