

HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

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James & Betty Wray will soon celebrate 60 years of marriage and many of those years have been filled making memories inside the home they built together.

“Betty and I worked hard to build our house decades ago. We’re very proud of it. I couldn’t imagine living anywhere else,” says James.

But when Betty began fainting and James began suffering back issues, their children worried about their parents’ ability to take care of themselves at home. Their children stop in to help around the house as much as they can, but Betty is still unable to stand for long periods of time to prepare meals, and James is unable to assist.

For many older adults in similar situations assisted living facilities become the only option. And for some families, assisted living creates a financial burden that’s hard to overcome.

This is exactly why United Way partners with Meals on Wheels. This program delivers nutritious meals to homebound seniors, helps keep people in their homes and reduces long-term financial strain.

The meals are keeping James and Betty healthy and strong, but that’s not all the program is providing.

“We look forward to the food, but we look forward to seeing the volunteers and staff who bring the meals even more,” says Betty. “We really do enjoy the conversations and laughs.”

James says, “We needed help and thanks to United Way, we’re getting it. We are so grateful for being able to stay in our home.”



(L-R) Betty and James Wray. Photo by Vanderveen Photographers