

news release

Area 9 In-Home & Community Services
Agency
520 South 9th Street
Richmond, Indiana 47374-6230
765-966-1795 or 1-800-458-9345
www.area9agency.org

n n n n n n n n n n n n n n n

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 16, 2010

Contact: *Tony Shepherd, Executive Director*
765-966-1795 or 1-800-458-9345

WHITEWATER VALLEY REMC COLLECTS FOOD FOR THE ELDERLY

Pictured are Sandy Cason, Executive Assistant and Communications Specialist for Whitewater Valley REMC, presenting the collected food items for the elderly to Tony Shepherd, Executive Director of the Area 9 In-Home and Community Services Agency. The Area 9 Agency provides Meals on Wheels, home care services and community services to the elderly in the Whitewater Valley of Indiana.

Mr. Shepherd expressed thanks to the cooperative's members and staff of the WWV REMC for their generous efforts to greatly enhance the lives of the low-income elderly to whom this food will be provided during this holiday season. He stated "There are hundreds of elderly citizens in this region who are living on \$674 or less per month of income. Usually these are the oldest of the elderly, with the most medical problems and are in many ways 'invisible' to most of us. These food items will bring a little extra joy and comfort to the poorest and oldest of our local elderly."

"We would also like to thank all our members who donated items during our holiday food drive," said Sandy Cason. "We know our members, and many communities are struggling in our area. Seeing the support from our members with their donations reinforces one of the cooperative's core values – care for the community."

The cooperative had been collecting canned food items since September. Whitewater Valley REMC is a Touchstone Energy Cooperative serving the Whitewater Valley. The Area 9 In-Home and Community Services Agency, a service of Indiana University East, has been assisting the elderly for over 35 years.