

Twin Cities MOW receives foundation grant

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Pam Hill and Eileen Britton show off some of the frozen foods. Contributed photo

At the Twin Cities Meals on Wheels board meeting last month, Eileen Britton announced that a \$9,000 grant request she had written was approved by the East Hill Foundation.

There is history behind how this grant was obtained, and it starts when Britton was manning a TCMOW table at the North Tonawanda City Market a few years ago. A young woman stopped by and said her mother had received Meals on Wheels, and she would like to make a monetary donation to show her appreciation for the care her mom had received. She donated \$1,000, which overwhelmed the TCMOW team.

The following year, the same woman, a city resident, donated again. She said that she was a board member of the East Hill Foundation and suggested that Britton write a grant to the foundation to help support TCMOW.

Britton did apply for a grant every year since then, and her grant has been accepted every year.

“We all thank the East Hill Foundation for its generous grants,” Britton smiled. “High inflation rates affect the purchase of frozen, canned and packaged foods. The funds are designated to maintain our mission of providing hot, home-delivered meals to the senior and disabled citizens of the Twin Cities.”

The request underscored the fact that the kitchen staff and coordinator are proactive in managing costs by using food rebates and securing vendor specials and volume incentives.

“Inflation has affected all facets of our business,” Britton said. “The food budget prepared late last year has had major adjustments made due to the increased costs for food products purchased.”

“TCMOW maintains high standards in the quality and quantity in the meals served to our clients,” Pam Hill, TCMOW coordinator, added.

In addition, Hill said volunteers are dedicated to providing daily meal deliveries, including a wellness check, which is greatly appreciated by the senior clients and their families.

“Volunteers make a difference every day, and the wonderful East Hill Foundation makes it easier to make that difference,” Hill said.