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**Kerr-Tar Area Agency on Agency Teams up With
Lowe's Heroes to Deliver Emergency Heat Relief Kits**
Home Delivered Meal Clients in Five Counties Receive Kits

Henderson, NC – Hot weather can be dangerous. This is especially true for older adults. Every summer, nearly 200 Americans die of health problems caused by high heat and humidity. Most of these individuals are over the age of 50. Kerr Tar Area Agency on Aging is working with Lowe's Home Improvement for its Lowe's Heroes program to provide emergency heat relief kits for homebound seniors.

Each year, Lowe's stores collaborate on a group project so they can make a larger difference. This year, the Lowe's in Henderson and Wake Forest reached out to Home Delivered Meals clients throughout the five county region to educate them on Summer Heat Safety and Elder Abuse Awareness. Kerr-Tar AAA staff and Lowe's employees assembled the kits at the Henderson Lowe's. Buckets were filled with instant cold packs, flashlights, batteries, medication dispensers, paper towels, dusk masks, and educational materials on elder abuse awareness and summer heat safety. Lowe's volunteers delivered more than 250 kits along with cases of water to senior centers in our five county region.

From there, AAA staff coordinated with home delivered meal volunteers to follow them on their routes to deliver the kits to the clients along with Lowe's Heroes volunteers. The last delivery will be on Monday July 31 in Warren County. "Our Home Delivered Meal clients are an underserved population," stated Jillian Hardin, Director Kerr Tar Area Agency on Aging, "with the help from Lowe's Heroes, we were able to deliver the heat kits, say Hello and ask if they are staying cool enough in this heat." The recipients were particularly excited about the cases of water, flashlights and batteries.

The Kerr Tar Area Agency on Aging leads and is involved in the efforts that provide for the development and enhancement of comprehensive and coordinated community based systems of services, opportunities, and protections for older adults which assist them in leading independent, meaningful and dignified lives in their own homes and communities for as long as possible. We serve five counties, Franklin, Granville, Person, Vance and Warren.