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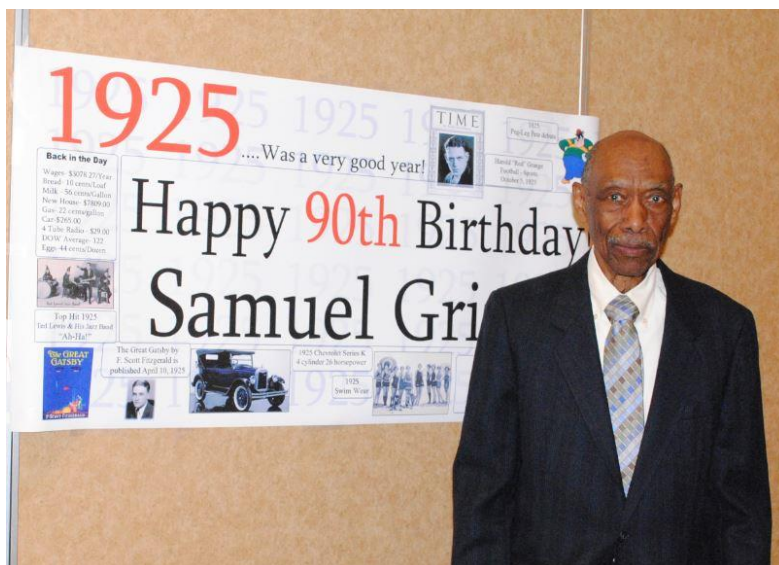
Turning 94 and Celebrating 25 Years of Delivering Meals – Without Missing a Day

Samuel Grimes, pictured here on his 90th birthday, will turn 94 in March. Mr. Grimes also marks 25 years of delivering meals through Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, an AgeOptions funded partner.

According to Catholic Charities, Mr. Grimes has never missed a single day of deliveries and has even saved a few lives along the way. To his clients in Maine Township, he is so much more than a person who brings their meals – he is a friend who treats everyone with respect and patience.

A World War II veteran, Mr. Grimes started his latest career in 1994 after retiring from a long career as director of food service for a hospital in New Jersey. His wife, Cathy, suggested he volunteer to deliver meals to home-bound individuals. He started in Niles Township with a large route and in 2009 began delivering for the Maine Township Meal Program.

When Catholic Charities was awarded a grant to provide home delivered meals in Maine Township in 2015, they asked Mr. Grimes if he would be willing to become a paid employee. That made it possible for the organization to provide him with a “hot shot” truck, ensuring meals



are delivered at perfect temperature. Those meals are reliably delivered to an average of 30 clients a day who depend on him for so much more than meals.