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## **Celebrity Chefs' to Mentor Delaware Culinary Students for Seniors Benefit**

**Tuesday, January 15, 2013** – Meals On Wheels Delaware is proud to partner with the Delcastle Technical High School Culinary Program for its 2013 Celebrity Chefs' Brunch to be held in the newly renovated Hercules Plaza on April 21, 2013. Celebrity chefs will mentor the Delcastle students throughout the planning and preparation process as a two-fold giving back initiative this spring. In addition to helping raise funds for hungry, homebound seniors throughout the State of Delaware, these chefs are providing great insight and guidance for the next generation of celebrity chefs!

Students and chefs alike are thrilled for the opportunity to work together for the benefit of Meals On Wheels Delaware. "It is always a pleasure working with culinary students. They are eager to learn and are enthusiastic about helping me prepare whatever tasks they are given. I always end up learning something from students as well which is also very cool" says recent Top Chef Seattle contestant and returning brunch chef, Tyler Wiard of Elway's Cherry Creek in Denver, Co.

Junior culinary student, Gena Marra, who assisted at the brunch in 2012, is excited to work closely with the chefs throughout the planning and execution process. "It's great working with someone you wouldn't normally have the opportunity to cook with. It forces you to go out of your comfort zone and learn new styles and techniques you haven't been exposed to," says Marra.

James Berman CCI, Chef Instructor at Delcastle Technical High School, is also thrilled to have his students paired with such experienced chefs, saying "It's great to see the students' have their 'Aha!' moment after creating a vision and then preparing it for the guests. We are all very proud to be working for the benefit of a great organization such as Meals On Wheels Delaware."

"Meals On Wheels Delaware is delighted to have the Delcastle Culinary students contribute to the Celebrity Chefs' Brunch. It is a great opportunity for the students to learn from our experienced chefs while both are donating their time and efforts for the benefit of hungry homebound seniors throughout Delaware." says Executive Director, Mari Considine.

The Celebrity Chefs' Brunch is one of three fundraising events Meals On Wheels Delaware will be hosting in April— Evening With The Masters and the Cellar Masters' Wine Auction will be held earlier that same weekend at the Doubletree Downtown on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from this weekend of culinary excellence benefit homebound seniors throughout the state of Delaware. Since its inception in 1996 the Meals On Wheels Delaware events have raised nearly 6 million dollars to ensure no senior is placed on a waiting list for a hot-nutritious meal.

Tickets for all the Meals from the Masters events can be purchased online at: [www.mealsonwheelsde.org](http://www.mealsonwheelsde.org).

### **About Meals On Wheels**

The mission of Meals On Wheels Delaware is to ensure, through the provision of financial and human resources, that every eligible senior in the State of Delaware receives a hot, nutritious meal in their home. Meals On Wheels Delaware is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization, a public/ private partnership between the federal government, the State of Delaware, five meal-providing agencies and thousands of volunteers from corporations, civic, religious and community groups. Together, the program provides and delivers meals every day to almost 4,000 homebound seniors. In fact, last year nearly 600,000 meals were served throughout the state. Meals On Wheels Delaware strengthens the partnership by providing additional financial and volunteer resources to the agency providers to ensure that no senior in Delaware is on a waiting list for a hot meal delivered to their home. Meals On wheels Delaware provides more than a meal...it also provides a gift of health, independence and companionship to homebound seniors in Delaware.

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