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Meals On Wheels Delaware Announces Third Annual "Sip & Savor" Fundraiser

Kent County's popular end of summer party is presented by Dover Federal Credit Union, in support of Delaware homebound seniors

July 27, 2016- Meals On Wheels Delaware, joined by presenting sponsor Dover Federal Credit Union and Media Sponsors WBOC and Delaware State News, is happy to announce its third annual end of summer party, *Sip & Savor*. Sip & Savor will feature a casual party atmosphere, great food, live entertainment, and a live and silent auction. All proceeds will benefit homebound seniors and provide additional funding for the five meal-providing agencies throughout the state, of whom Meals On Wheels Delaware supports.

Sip & Savor will take place Saturday, September 10, 2016, at the Wild Quail Golf & Country Club located in Dover, Delaware from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm. All attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy interactive tastings by Kent County restaurants, as well as a craft beers tastings, wines and specialty cocktails.

Regina Dodds, Director of Events for Meals On Wheels Delaware said, "Meals On Wheels Delaware is ecstatic to be back in Kent County and hosting this wonderful event. This year we are grateful for the continued support of community, businesses, and restaurants in the area. We thank those who have joined us and supported us in past years, and welcome all new sponsors, volunteers, and restaurants to the fun! "

Guests will enjoy tastings by local favorites including Bonz Restaurant & Lounge • BreakThru Beverage Delaware Cajun Queens Cuisine • Classic Cakes • Doc Magrogan's Oyster House • The Greene Turtle Sports Bar & Grille Hall's Family Restaurant • Jimmy's Seaside Fries – Dover Mall • Loockerman Catering • Maple Dale Country Club Mispillion River Brewing • Noodles & Company • Painted Stave Distilling • Philadelphia Distilling • Prime 225 Roma Italian Ristorante • Standard Distributing Company • Sul Tempo Cocktail Lounge • Texas Roadhouse and Wild Quail Golf & Country Club. A full lineup of participating restaurants and beverage providers can be found online at www.mealsonwheelsde.org.

All funds raised at *Sip & Savor* will help to ensure that no senior is put on a meal waiting list. The community support established through event sponsorship, ticket purchases, auction donations, and volunteer efforts helps guarantee every Delaware senior is able to receive a hot, nutritious meal and can rely on a friendly volunteer to deliver nourishment to their home each weekday.

Community members Candice C. Fifer, LCSW and Meghan Clapp Garrison, Sales Manager of Dover Rent-All Tents and Events are honorary co-chairs this year. Candice states, "My involvement with the Sip & Savor committee has opened my eyes to the growing need of programs like Meals On Wheels. Understanding that the Meals On Wheels Volunteers are sometimes the only face these seniors could see in a day, gives me a greater understanding that this program is about more than just a meal." Meghan says, "I have volunteered on the various fundraising event committees for Meals On Wheels Delaware, for a number of years, and my involvement has brought awareness of the ongoing need for this

service in our community. The program helps our local senior citizens to not only receive a healthy meal, but also have a happier and better quality of life! The annual fundraising events Meals On Wheels Delaware hosts throughout the year, such as *Sip & Savor*, help to not only raise community awareness but also raise the funds needed to make all of this possible! It is very gratifying to know that my participation and sponsorship is making a difference!"

Entry to Sip & Savor is \$85 per person—tickets are available online. Meals on Wheels Delaware is once again offering a "Special Group Rate" ticket for groups of six or more for \$70 per person. The special group rate tickets can only be purchased online. To purchase tickets, please visit <u>www.mealsonwheelsde.org/sip-savor.</u>

Meals On Wheels Delaware thanks the following sponsors and donors for their support of Sip & Savor, 94.7 WDSD, Delaware State News, Dover Federal Credit Union, Fox Sports 1290 AM Wilmington, Mix 92.9, Newsradio 1410 WDOV, Newsradio 1450 WILM, WBOC, Wild Quail Golf and Country Club. Sponsorship opportunities for the event are also available. Additional event information can be found online at <u>www.mealsonwheelsde.org/sip-savor</u> or by phone, 302-656-6451.

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.

A nonprofit 501(c)3 organization, Meals On Wheels Delaware is 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. Additional financial and volunteer resources are made available for agency providers, to ensure that no senior in Delaware is on a waiting list for a hot meal delivered to their home.

Last year, meals on wheels volunteers delivered nearly 635,000 hot, nutritious meals to nearly 4,000 homebound seniors statewide, along with a gift of health, independence and companionship.

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