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Meals On Wheels Delaware Announces Inaugural Fundraiser *The Ultimate Tailgate*
Tackling senior hunger one culinary event at a time

Thursday, October 15, 2015 – Meals On Wheels Delaware, joined by Marquee Sponsors Capital One, DuPont and MasterCard is pleased to announce our inaugural event, *The Ultimate Tailgate*, to be held Thursday, October 22, 2015 at the Sheraton Wilmington South, located in New Castle, Delaware from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

Whether your perfect tailgate is elegant, high-end picnicking at the derby, or grilling in the parking lot at a sporting event, this event is for all guests. *The Ultimate Tailgate* will feature the best of our area restaurants, serving their unique interpretations of tailgate food. This sophisticated yet casual event will feature wine and spirits, interactive tailgate themed gaming, live entertainment, and a craft beer garden curated by 2SP Brewing Company/Two Stones Pub.

“We are excited to kick off our new fundraiser in the fall of 2015,” said Regina Dodds, Director of Events. “The Ultimate Tailgate will continue the legacy of offering guests an opportunity to indulge in culinary excellence while raising money in support of Delaware’s homebound seniors. We are incredibly grateful for the community’s outstanding contributions towards The Ultimate Tailgate! The generosity of our neighbors and businesses enables Meals On Wheels Delaware to raise funds in support of nearly 4,000 homebound seniors statewide.”

Guests will enjoy interactive tailgate inspired tastings by over 40 participating restaurants, breweries, and beverage purveyors. The restaurant & beverage lineup includes: Columbus Inn, Buckley's Tavern, Pizza by Elizabeths, Stone Balloon Ale House, Sweet Somethings Desserts and many more great culinary participants! Another tailgate must- craft beer! Guests will enjoy a craft beer garden curated by 2SP Brewing Company/Two Stones Pub. Additional beverages, provided by Painted Stave Distilling, Philadelphia Distilling and more will also be provided. Spin Jocs Entertainment, Bruce Anthony, and FreeLance will provide live entertainment for the evening. A full lineup of participating restaurants and beverage providers can be found online at www.mealsonwheelsde.org. We are also thrilled to announce our All Star Line Up - Micheal Lahoud of the Philadelphia Union, Phillies Ballgirls, Sixers Dancers, Flyers Ice Girls, and University of Delaware Football Coaches! Fans will meet the All Stars and have the opportunity for event photos and autographs with their favorites. Funds raised at *The Ultimate Tailgate* will ensure that no senior is on a waiting list to receive a hot, nutritious meal. Additional lead sponsors include Delaware Today, Main Line Today, AstraZeneca, WDEL 101.7FM, 93.7 WSTW, Monterey Enterprises, and Out & About Magazine.

Proceeds from the event benefit Meals On Wheels Delaware, whose five member agencies and volunteers delivered more than 710,000 meals to nearly 4,000 homebound senior Delawareans last year. “As always, our goal is to raise vital funds for vulnerable seniors in Delaware, and we know that our exciting, fresh and unique tailgate will ensure that we are able to continue meeting the growing needs in our state,” said Executive Director Mari Considine.

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Entry to The Ultimate Tailgate is \$55 per person- tickets are available online. This is a 21 and over event. Sponsorship opportunities for the event are also available. Additional event information can be found online at www.mealsonwheelsde.org or by phone 302-250-4231.

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 nearly 4,000 homebound seniors. In fact, last year nearly 635,000 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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