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**“JAMIE WYETH DONATES PAINTED WINE BOTTLE
FOR MEALS ON WHEELS DELAWARE’S
CELLAR MASTERS’ WINE AUCTION”**

March 30, 2016—On April 16, 2016, Meals On Wheels Delaware will host the 12th Annual Cellar Masters’ Wine Auction at the Wilmington Country Club. Guests will enjoy passed hors d’oeuvres, an upscale multi-course seated dinner, specialty wine pours, live and silent auctions, and entertainment. In 2015, the auction raised over \$100,000 to benefit Meals On Wheels programs for homebound seniors.

This year, the exclusive event includes a variety of rare and unusual bottles of wine, including a bottle painted by the celebrated artist, Jamie Wyeth. This bottle, donated by Bettina Daulton, is a 2014 Petit Verdot. The vintage alone is valued at \$450, but with Wyeth’s artistic rendition, the bottle is valued between \$20,000 and \$30,000.

Wyeth, a third-generation American artist, began painting as a child. He is well known in the artistic community for creating the official White House Christmas cards, under the commission of President Reagan. Wyeth's art is displayed in many public collections, such as the National Gallery of Art and the John F. Kennedy Library. He is also a beloved illustrator of children's books.

The exceptional offering of Wyeth's hand painted bottle will be the crowning glory of the live auction. "Jamie has painted bottles for our auction on two separate occasions, and when asked to participate one more time, he accepted without hesitation," said Vaughn Hardin, Meals On Wheels Delaware Board Member and Cellar Masters' Wine Auction Chair. "This will likely be the last time you will ever see something like this. We are so fortunate to have a sold out event, so we have decided to take absentee bids in order to best serve our homebound seniors."

Meals On Wheels Delaware is accepting sealed bids from the public until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 8, 2016. The highest bidder at this time will be invited to attend the event with a guest, or call in to participate in bidding during the live auction. To make a sealed bid, or for more information, contact Deb Adelman, via email at d.adelman@me.com.

Meals On Wheels Delaware would like to acknowledge and thank the following sponsors and donors for their continued support of the Cellar Masters' Wine Auction, William and Debra Adelman, Capital One, Gerret and Tatiana Copeland, Dr. Thomas P. Dougherty, DuPont, Delaware Today, Vaughn and Heather Hardin, Vance Kershner, Main Line Today, MasterCard, Monterey Enterprises, Stoli Group USA and Jamie Wyeth. The night will present a great live auction featuring premium wine, spirits, craft beer, luxury travel and will be featured alongside the Jaime Wyeth Bottle. All proceeds from the auction will benefit homebound seniors in Delaware receiving services from Meals On Wheels programs throughout the state.

About Meals On Wheels Delaware

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. The organization provides additional financial and volunteer resources to meal-providing agencies, to ensure that no senior in Delaware must be put on a waiting list for meal service. Last year, meals on wheels volunteers delivered 664,810 hot, nutritious meals to nearly 4,000 homebound seniors statewide. This service gives recipients the gifts of health, independence, and companionship.