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World Renowned Chefs Gather at the 2014 Celebrity Chefs' Brunch.

## **Meals On Wheels Delaware Announces Exciting Changes for 2015**

**Monday, October 27, 2014** – Meals On Wheels Delaware is thrilled to unveil a new event for the 2015 calendar in addition to two events that have become staples of the Meals On Wheels Delaware fundraising efforts. All the events will feature top restaurants, chefs and beverage purveyors from both the region and nation.

Meals On Wheels Delaware's newest event, *The Ultimate Tailgate*, will be held in the fall on October 22, 2015, at the Sheraton Wilmington South from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and will be similar in spirit to *Evening With The Masters*. Whether your perfect tailgate is elegant, high-end picnicking at the derby, or grilling in the parking lot at a sporting event, this is for you. *The Ultimate Tailgate* will feature the best of our area restaurants serving their unique interpretations of tailgate food. This sophisticated, yet casual event will also feature wine, spirits, and the popular beer garden!

"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 sure our guests will enjoy what we have planned for 2015!"

The award-winning *Celebrity Chefs' Brunch* will be held on Sunday, April 19, at Hercules Plaza in downtown Wilmington from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., featuring tastings by chefs from across the nation and abroad. This event will showcase the best of the best in cuisine and will feature fine wine, spirits and a world-class silent auction. Meals On Wheels Delaware is thrilled to continue its partnership with the Delcastle Technical High School Culinary Program. The culinary students collaborate with out-of-town chefs, starting with the planning and preparation stages through the execution of the brunch's delicious tastings that attendees anticipate each spring.

The *Cellar Masters' Wine Auction* celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2015, along with a new format and location. The event will be held on Saturday, April 18, from 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. at the Wilmington Country Club and will feature a multi-course seated dinner prepared by renowned chefs. As always, fine wine and philanthropy will be the stars of this event!

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Proceeds from all these events benefit Meals On Wheels Delaware, whose five member agencies and volunteers delivered more than 710,000 meals to roughly 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 2015 event line-up will ensure that we are able to continue meeting the growing needs in our state,” said Executive Director Mari Considine.

Tickets for the *Celebrity Chefs’ Brunch* and *Cellar Masters’ Wine Auction* will go on sale January 1, 2015. Tickets for *The Ultimate Tailgate* will go on sale July 1, 2015. For more information or to buy tickets visit: [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 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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