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Meals On Wheels Delaware's 2nd Annual "Ultimate Tailgate" Fundraiser Tackling senior hunger one culinary event at a time

Tuesday, September 20, 2016 – Meals On Wheels Delaware, joined by Marquee Sponsors Capital One and DuPont is pleased to announce our 2nd annual *Ultimate Tailgate presented by WSFS*. Our Marquee Communication Sponsors, Delaware Today and Main Line Today are joining to support the Meals On Wheels mission; to tackle senior hunger!

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 be held Thursday, October 20, 2016 at the Sheraton Wilmington South, located in New Castle, Delaware from 6:00PM-9:00PM. *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 trail curated by 2SP Brewing Company/Two Stones Pub.

"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, restaurants and businesses enables Meals On Wheels Delaware to raise funds in support of nearly 4,000 homebound seniors statewide." said Regina Dodds, Director of Events.

Guests will enjoy interactive tailgate inspired tastings by local favorites. Our restaurant & beverage lineup includes: Columbus Inn, Buckley's Tavern, Pizza by Elizabeths, Stone Balloon Ale House, Anthony's Coal Fire Pizza, Santa Fe and many more great restaurants! Another tailgate must- craft beer! Additional beverages, provided by Painted Stave Distilling, Philadelphia Distilling, BreakThru Beverage, Standard Distributing and more will also be provided. Nik Everett, and the Pat Kane Quartet will provide live entertainment for the evening. A full lineup of participating restaurants and beverage providers can be found online at <u>www.mealsonwheelsde.org</u>. All funds raised at The Ultimate Tailgate will ensure that no senior is on a waiting list to receive a hot, nutritious meal.

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. "Last year's Ultimate Tailgate was a great success. We are thrilled to be tailgating again in 2016 while raising funds for Delaware's needy seniors," said Executive Director Anne Love.

Entry to The Ultimate Tailgate is \$65 per person. Young professional tickets are available at \$55.00 per person - tickets are available online. Sponsorship opportunities for the event are also available. Additional event information can be found online at www.mealsonwheelsde.org or by phone, 302-656-6451.

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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 664,810 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 and independence.

