

SPECIAL DELIVERY



The Meals on Wheels Delaware Newsletter - Spring 2020



Meals Are Still Being Delivered

While everyone is struggling to find a new normal, Meals On Wheels programs are continuing to deliver a hot lunch to Delaware's homebound seniors.

The process of meal delivery is adapting to meet the latest, and evolving, advice from the CDC, ACL and the State of Delaware.

Each day over 3,000 meals are delivered to seniors in their homes by over 100 volunteers. The number of seniors and meals is steadily increasing. Senior center dining rooms, and adult care programs have closed.

The health and safety of the seniors, volunteer delivery drivers, and staff are the priority.

The Federal and State government recognize this crisis and have passed funding and legislation to assist. Additional funds have been made available. Staff and volunteers are going above and beyond.

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How Does Someone Get a Home Delivered Meal?

If you know of a senior neighbor or family member in need of help with a daily meal, contact the meal program in your area. Help is available regardless of income level.

Visit MealsOnWheelsDE.org/meal-delivery

How You Can Help

There is a need for volunteers to deliver meals. A large number of previous volunteers are now working from home and they are no longer close to a meal pick up point. To those who have come forward to lend a helping hand, we thank you all.

If you are able to give a couple of hours during a weekday lunchtime your local programs are ready to hear from you.

Visit MealsOnWheelsDE.org/Volunteer



It Takes a Village - It Also Takes Volunteers & Supporters

Another thank you to the volunteers who continue to deliver meals. Meal delivery makes a huge difference to elderly neighbors, especially during times when they are feeling more isolated than ever. When all of these people are able to come together we are able to support the seniors of Delaware.

Thank you also to the army of volunteers and supporters who help with fundraising. This means giving time to be

on event committees, working an event, asking for auction items from their contacts or making a sponsorship commitment.

Now it's time for us to raise our hands and clap for you!

We thank all of the volunteers and supporters who give so much to assist, donate dollars, and show up so we can work toward our mission of helping our partner agencies.

**Happy Volunteer Week to all the dedicated volunteers.
THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS & THANK YOU SUPPORTERS!
YOU ARE THE VILLAGE!**

The Hospitality Industry Needs Us

The Hospitality and Restaurant community often generously donate their time and talents to Meals on Wheels Delaware. Our hearts are with them during these uncertain times. Please consider supporting them by purchasing gift cards, ordering take out or making a donation via delawarerestaurant.org to help provide relief to those restaurant workers in need of supplemental income during the restaurant shutdowns.



CELLAR MASTERS' WINE AUCTION 2020 UPDATES

The Cellar Masters' Wine Auction & Dinner has been postponed to the fall due to COVID-19 state mandates. The new date of the event is **Friday, October 16th**.

The event is currently sold out thanks to the amazing supporters of the auction. We look forward to seeing you there in November!

To be added to the waitlist contact Regina Dodds at - rdodds@mealsonwheelsde.org

Call 2-1-1 for Assistance

Delaware 2-1-1 provides one central resource for access to the health and human service organizations that offer the support to make a difference.

Dial 2-1-1 Monday through Friday from 8 AM-9 PM or use their website to find out how they can help you in these areas of need.
Website: delaware211.org

Find services to help you find food sources, rent assistance and more during COVID-19. Free, confidential, bilingual



Dial 2-1-1 or
1-800-560-3372



Text your Zip Code
to 898-211



www.delaware211.org/

Continued Support from the Celebrity Chefs' Brunch Sponsors

Due to COVID-19 crisis, the Celebrity Chefs' Brunch scheduled for April 26, 2020 was canceled. Despite the cancellation, the community's generosity has humbled the Meals on Wheels Delaware team. We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the Celebrity Chefs' Brunch sponsors for continuing to support homebound seniors and Meals on Wheels Delaware's mission.



Agilent • Bank of America • Clear Channel Outdoor • Steve Crifasi Real Estate Group of Patterson-Schwartz
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Wilmington • Edible Delmarva • Ray & Martina Ianni
Tito's Handmade Vodka • Tonic Bar & Grille

Delaware Business Times • DLS Discovery • Incyte • M&T Bank
Platinum Dining Group • W. L. Gore & Associates Inc. • Wanex Electrical Services

Philip Berger Music • Ben Fournier Photography • Jane & Steve Goldberg • Highmark Delaware
Frank Kaminski • Michelle J. Lambert CPA & Associates • New Castle County Government • Perscky Photography
Principal Trust Company • Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A. • Mr. & Mrs. Greg Schulze • Williams Houck & Company

Nancy Cantwell • CSC • Delmarva Power, An Exelon Company
Harvey Hanna & Associates & the Delaware Kids Fund • Wilmington University



SAVE THE DATE - CELEBRITY CHEFS' BRUNCH 2021

Please save the date for **Sunday, April 25, 2021.**

We look forward to bringing back many award winning chefs, great bites, and specialty cocktails next year.

VIRTUAL FUNDRAISERS

Looking for ways to get involved with Meals on Wheels Delaware while social distancing?
Here are some current & upcoming virtual fundraising options.

**We've partnered
with Target Circle.**

Vote by June 30.

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TARGET CIRCLE

APRIL 1ST - JUNE 30TH

If you are shopping in person or online at Target, you can vote for Meals on Wheels Delaware to receive funds from Target.

Just save your receipt, log-in to your Target Circle App & scan the receipt. Then click Circle Vote for nonprofits.

HIGHMARK VIRTUAL WALK

MAY 9TH - JUNE 30TH

Join the Meals on Wheels Delaware team for the Highmark Virtual Walk! A virtual walk is a walk on your own terms - you choose where, when and a goal.

Sign up: MealsOnWheelsDE.org/event/highmark-virtual-walk

STOCK UP FOR SENIORS

JULY 19TH - JULY 25TH

Our Stock Up for Seniors event is back this Summer! Get access to special Christmas in July deals from amazing brands.

FALL 2020 EVENTS

**SEP
10**

Sip & Savor
Maple Dale Country Club

THURSDAY
5:30PM - 9:30PM

**OCT
16**

Cellar Masters' Wine Auction
Wilmington Country Club

FRIDAY
6:00PM - 10:00PM

**SEP
24**

Guest Bartending
The Starboard

THURSDAY
5:30PM - 7:30PM

**OCT
22**

Ultimate Tailgate
Delaware Park

THURSDAY
5:30PM - 9:00PM

**OCT
11**

Beach Brunch
Rusty Rudder

SUNDAY
10:30AM - 1:30PM



**Together we
can end
senior hunger.**