



SPECIAL DELIVERY

THE MEALS ON WHEELS DELAWARE NEWSLETTER - MAY 2021



25 YEARS OF MEALS ON WHEELS DELAWARE

Happy Silver Anniversary Meals on Wheels Delaware!

We are happy to share our anniversary of 25 years helping and assisting the Meals on Wheels Programs in the State of Delaware.

In April 1996, we were incorporated and started our mission to raise funds, and other resources and awareness to support the meal delivery program to homebound seniors in Delaware. We continue to do this on a daily basis.

The Older American Act of 1965 was signed by then President Lyndon Johnson. This act provided nutrition and home community-based services for people 60 and older. Meals on Wheels fit into this category by providing funds for daily nutrition for seniors. When Meals on Wheels Delaware came into existence, there were many seniors on a waitlist, some previously waited months for a delivery in Delaware.

The original non-profit organizers wanted to raise funds for the delivery programs so when

the state and federal government came up short, our funds would cover the shortage. Now when there is a shortage, we continue to contribute to the programs. When no shortage exists, we contribute funds for vans, kitchen equipment, delivery bags, and other necessary items needed and used each weekday for meal delivery.

Last year, over 6,220 seniors were served over 877,000 meals delivered Monday through Friday.

We will be having events during 2021-2022 to celebrate our 25th Anniversary, and we will also be posting memories throughout this year to recognize this milestone. Meals On Wheels Delaware's (MOWD) mission is to raise funds, other resources and awareness to support meal delivery programs to homebound seniors in Delaware.

Help us walk down memory lane as we remember our past, and celebrate our future!



Join the Meals On Wheels Team for the Highmark Virtual Walk for a Healthy Community

NOW - JULY 15TH

The Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community is an annual fundraising walk that benefits local health and human service agencies. This event is statewide allowing people through Delaware to participate. Now more than ever it is crucial to keep our healthy homebound seniors in the comfort of their own homes. Join our team or create your own team and participate in the effort to end senior hunger.

WHEN AND WHERE

- A virtual walk is a real walk, but on your terms! Between now and July 15, you choose your way to walk (treadmill, park, or around the neighborhood).
- You pick the time of when you start and stop!

PARTICIPATION

- Share your participation and the online donation link with your network and encourage your family and friends to donate or join the team

Celebrity Chefs' Celebration Post Event Round Up

During April 18 - 25, we presented a week long hybrid event reimagined as the Celebrity Chefs' Celebration.

The pandemic may have kept us from gathering together, but thanks to our generous supporters, we were still able to raise funds in support of homebound seniors in Delaware while safely enjoying great food and fun.

The Celebrity Chefs' Celebration hosted over 400 guests at 6 New Castle County restaurants. These restaurants teamed up with 6 out of town chefs who have participated in past Celebrity Chefs' Brunch events. The restaurants prepared unique menus in collaboration with the out of town chefs.

The week began with a virtual program for guests to engage with the chefs, enjoy live musical entertainment and recognize community sponsors.



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Capital One Continues to Support the Community

Capital One's commitment to the local community is deep and meaningful. Meals On Wheels is grateful that caring for homebound seniors a priority for Capital One's leadership. As an organization they engage as a financial supporter, a mentor through skills sharing, and encourage volunteerism.

With over 20 years as an anchor sponsor of the Celebrity Chefs Brunch, it was no surprise to have Capital One's support as a Lead Sponsor of the modified 2021 Celebrity Chefs' Celebration in 2021. The new format invited guests to sample a unique menu at a number of New Castle County restaurants, while raising funds for the Meals On Wheels program. Over 400 guests enjoyed a great meal during the week of April 18 to 24.

Capital One has a vision of what it means to be a community partner. Before the covid-19 pandemic closed their Wilmington office, the Capital One volunteers were a mainstay of the meal delivery volunteers from City Fare Meals On Wheels in Wilmington. Unfortunately, the in person volunteer programs are not able to operate currently, but volunteers are eager to get back on the road and visit with the seniors they know and miss.

While the volunteers are not able to visit with the seniors in person for now, they are still able to share their support through the Words of Encouragement initiative. Volunteers are able to write a personal message to a senior who may be struggling with the increased isolation of the past year.

Like so many, Capital One is adapting and engaging in new ways. We look forward to Capital One's participation in the Meals On Wheels Delaware team at the Highmark Virtual Walk for a Healthy Community through July 15. Thank you to all at Capital One for improving the lives of so many.



Capital One Volunteer Experience with Meals on Wheels

"Over the past 17 years I have had the opportunity to deliver for Meals on Wheels as a volunteer for Capital One. This has been a very rewarding experience that I look forward to getting back to soon. Seeing the smiles on my clients faces when they open the door and the friendly exchange of words always makes my day."

- Janine Johnson, Capital One Process Manager of Debit Exceptions and Extended Ops

Together we can end senior hunger.

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