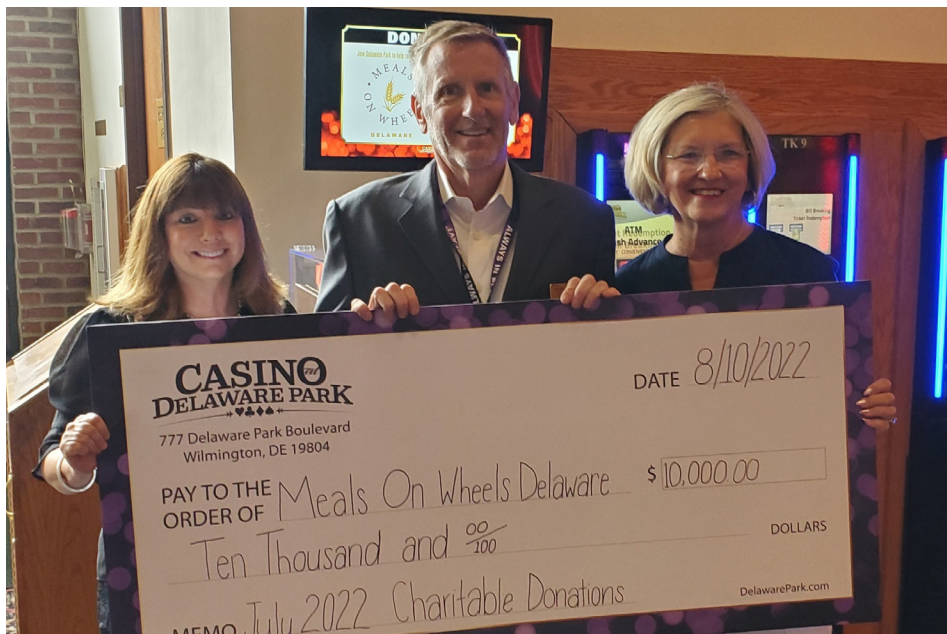




SPECIAL DELIVERY

THE MEALS ON WHEELS DELAWARE NEWSLETTER - JULY 2022



All-Around Winners from Delaware Park

Meals on Wheels Delaware received a phone call from Casino at Delaware Park in June asking if we would be the first charity to take part in a new fundraising experience at the casino. They would be asking their patrons to put their slot machine slips of change or dollars in a clear box placed on the casino floor as a donation to Meals on Wheels Delaware. We supplied the marketing pictures, and they supplied the placement of boxes.

In August, Delaware Park reached out to present MOWD with a check for the month of July 2022. Regina Dodds, Special Events Director, and Susan

Dubb, Development Director, arrived at the casino in anticipation of the check presentation. What a race we won!!! The hearts of many of the casino patrons paid off and Meals on Wheels Delaware was presented with a check in the amount of \$10,000 for the seniors of Delaware!

Thank you, Delaware Park, and thanks to the many wonderful and giving patrons of the Casino that helped Meals on Wheels Delaware and the seniors of our state! We truly hit the JACKPOT!

Pictured with Ron Baumann of Delaware Park (Center) are Regina Dodds (Left) & Susan Dubb (Right) from Meals On Wheels Delaware



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MEALS ON WHEELS DELAWARE

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People Need Their Pets and So Do Seniors

People need their pets, especially those who are homebound seniors. Many of us choose to share our homes and lives with that special “someone” who has four paws and a giving heart. For homebound seniors who live alone a companion animal can be a friend indeed.

Based on evidence that companion animals improve the mental and physical well-being of seniors, Meals on Wheels America officially began supporting pet assistance services in 2007 with help from PetSmart Charities funding.

A recent survey of more than 400 Meals On Wheels clients nationally brings home the essential nature of the human-animal bond for seniors. Morgan Hultquist shared key responses to the survey, which is part of 3 year program by PetSmart Charities.

The responses reinforce the importance of helping seniors keep their pets. Research shows that those living with pets are less likely to exhibit depression, feeling of social isolation and related illnesses. In the survey, 81% of respondents living alone and lonely reported high levels of bonding with their pets.

Seniors with pets were sometimes sharing the meals they had delivered with their pets. Nearly 1 in 3 had gone without personal care, medical care, paying their bills to feed their pets.

In Delaware during the Covid pandemic, one of the many services that the local Meals On Wheels programs added was pet food delivery to seniors with companion animals in need. This was possible because of additional emergency funding, and new partnerships formed with animal welfare organizations in the State.



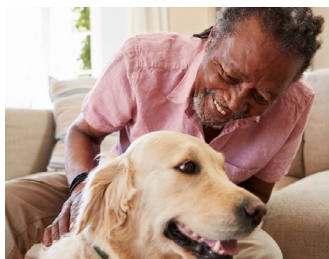
This was so successful the initiative continues to this day and enduring partnerships have been formed.

One local senior organization highlights pets once a year. CHEER's annual Paws for the Cause Pet Parade will return on Saturday, October 22, 2022, at the CHEER Community Center on Sand Hill Road, east of Georgetown. Highlight of the day is the costumed parade of pets.

To learn more, go to: <https://www.cheerde.com/news/uncategorized/pets-in-costume-return-to-cheer>

For others who are not homebound, Humane Animal Partners have several ways we can help seniors. They have funding from Pets for the Elderly that allows for assistance to seniors who need medical care for their pets. Another fund called Reggie's Fund helps provide financial assistance to the community at large, including seniors, also for medical care.

HAP Rehoboth Pet Food Pantry collects food and supplies from the community to give to those in need. Our goal is to keep pets in their homes and reduce the number of animals surrendered to shelters for financial reasons. Items include both cat and dog food, leashes, bowls, toys, and other useful accessories. Pick-up is available at 18675 Coastal Highway, Suite 8, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971 during normal business hours.



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Together we can end senior hunger.