

# SPECIAL DELIVERY

THE MEALS ON WHEELS DELAWARE NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2024

## **WELCOME 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



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Back Row: Devashish Guha, Vaughn Hardin, John McMahon, Tom Hannum, Lyndon Yearick, Scott Baylis, Dan Dugan, Elizabeth Kipp-Stonebraker.
Front Row: Pamela Scott, Debbie Smith, Nicole Ashton, Caitlin Custer-Hufe, Lanette Taylor-Sherman and Jan Waldauer Not Pictured: Mike Clement, Dale Cochran, Kimberly Fonda, Maria Fraser, Ben Muse, Patricia Schulze

We want to re-introduce our Board as they lead us into the new year with enthusiasm and commitment to the Seniors of Delaware.

Our thoughtful leadership team consists of Nicole Ashton Chair, Scott Baylis and Lyndon Yearick Co-Vice Chairs, Kimberly Fonda, Treasurer and Elizabeth Kipp-Stonebraker, Secretary.

We would also like to welcome two additional Board members for 2024: Mike Clement, who is returning after a one-year hiatus, and new Board member Jan Waldauer. We look forward to an impactful 2024.

## WELCOME BACK MIKE CLEMENT



After a year away from the Board we are happy to welcome Mike back for 2024. Mike has volunteered with Meals on Wheels Delaware since 2007. He joined the Board in 2013, as Board Chair from 2019 to 2022. His time as Board Chair was focused on the pandemic response. Mike is a passionate advocate for the program. Mike is a Realtor

with Paterson-Schwartz Real Estate in Greenville, a member of The Crifasi Group. Mike resides in North Wilmington with his husband and partner of 27 years, Mac Gardner. They enjoy time with their three dogs as well as with their family and friends.

## MEET BOARD MEMBER JAN WALDAUER



Jan is a passionate community service advocate who thrives on building and managing connections between companies, individuals, and communities. Jan chose to join the Board of Meals On Wheels Delaware based on her personal experience caring for elderly parents, and as a meal delivery driver. Each week

Jan picks up meals from St. Anthony's Community Center, loads her vehicle, and visits with the Seniors on her route. Jan sees first-hand the importance of an eagerly awaited nutritious meal, and a conversation, to the people who are grateful for the assistance.

"I've witnessed the difference it makes for Seniors to age in their own homes, and the work that Meals on Wheels does to enable this is something that I'm thrilled to be a part of."

-Jan Waldauer

Global Programs Manager, Community Impact DuPont

## **LOOKING BACK ON 2023**

A huge thank you to each and everyone who contributed to the success of Meals On Wheels Delaware in 2023.

Your commitment to ensuring homebound seniors in Delaware continue to receive a freshly prepared hot meal each weekday is inspiring.

Whether you deliver meals, volunteer your talents to raise funds and awareness, come out to support at an event in your community, or make gift, you are a valued partner.

The depth of community support from individuals, businesses, civic and faith-based organizations, and foundations together allows Meals On Wheels programs to adapt to changing needs and plan for the future as the senior population continues to grow.

As a result of your generosity, in 2023 we were able to provide \$400,000 to Meals On Wheels programs for essential needs. This was a significant increase from 2022.

After meals costs were covered, we provided essentials for meal delivery from the meal preparation sites to the seniors' homes. This includes vehicles, coolers and insulated meal bags, training and recognition for the volunteers who are the heart of the program and the face of meals on wheels to the seniors. We also helped with upgraded technology which improves the experience of meal delivery for volunteers and clients, and commercial kitchen equipment needed to prepare the 1,500 plus meals delivered each day in each county.



Updated commercial oven to handle increasing meals



Meal delivery vehicle in Sussex County



Insulated Meal Delivery Bags packed with meals ready to be picked up



Volunteers from Lewes-Rehoboth



Meal delivery vehicle in Kent County

## DO MORE 24 IS APPROACHING



MEALS ON WHEELS DELAWARE IS PARTICIPATING 24 Hours of Giving to Nonprofits in the First State March 7, 2024 at 6:00 pm to March 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm



Do More 24 Delaware is a 24 hour day of giving designed to help nonprofits raise more money and engage new donors.

This virtual event is a fun and easy way for the entire Delaware community to impact philanthropy and be inspired to donate to nonprofits serving Delaware. Do More 24 Delaware is designed to help nonprofits increase capacity and engage new donors.

This can be your chance! Each donation allows you to be entered in to win 2 tickets to our Celebrity Chefs' Brunch!

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