FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As each generation of people lives longer than the one before it, the need for services for the elderly expands. As an organization, we at Meals on Wheels of Mercer County have seen firsthand how hunger is not limited to any one geographic area in our community. This past year, we met the growing need and added new programs to ensure that our participants know how much we care for each of them, no matter how many homebound we serve.

After covering the Trenton and Ewing area for 44 years, Meals on Wheels of Trenton and Ewing became Meals on Wheels of Mercer County when we added routes in Hightstown, Princeton, East Windsor and West Windsor, and areas within Hamilton and Lawrence. However, Meals on Wheels of Mercer County expanded in more ways than just geography. The number of homebound individuals who cannot always feed themselves within the areas which we served previously, also increased. We now have 19 routes that go out every day to address the growing need in our community.

In addition to changing our name in 2016, we also rebranded with Meals on Wheels America which entailed changing our colors and logo to match those of the national organization. The national organization initiated a campaign to rebrand all of Meals on Wheels affiliates nationwide in order to create a more cohesive network, and a nationally recognized logo for the fight against hunger in the homebound population. Now, wherever you are in the country, you can see the green and blue “MW,” signifying the unity of all Meals on Wheels affiliates across the nation in one cause (and color scheme!).

Progress lies not in enhancing what is, but in advancing toward what will be. - Khalil Gibran

MOWMC received

$71,672
in Corporate Grants & Donations

$141,725
in Foundation Grants and

$161,602
in Individual & Civic Donations

Special Events
raised

$31,228

Thank you!
THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Farmer’s Market Vouchers for Seniors
Began a new initiative which provides seniors with fresh produce

519 Participants
- 81% are over 60
- 80% are below the poverty line or at risk for poverty
- 62% live alone
- 100% receive meals and face-to-face interactions

1,273 Grocery Bags
delivered to participants

Total Meals Served
79,379
Weekend Meals
6,282

10,800 volunteer hours
which is equivalent to
$260,712

16,919 Pounds of pet food delivered by Jordyn’s Cause4Paws

Volunteers drove
42,000 miles
equivalent to driving between LA and NY 15 times
2016-2017 Fiscal Year

### Income

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<td>Government</td>
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<td>Contributions (Individual, Foundations, Corporate)</td>
<td>$404,074</td>
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<td>Meal Contributions</td>
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<td>Special Events</td>
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### Expenditures

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