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Meals on Wheels of Trenton/Ewing is a 501(c)(3) committed to providing nutritious meals and related services which are designed to promote the independence, dignity, health and well-being of our home bound clients.

One day this spring, our Director of Client services had a bad feeling in her stomach. It turns out that the day before, one of our clients had not answered their door to receive their meal. As our procedure dictates, the volunteer notifies MOWTE staff when someone does not answer their door, and we in turn notify our clients’ emergency contact, who then follows-up. The next day, the same thing happened, and when we were notified by our volunteer of this, our staff wasted no time and personally went out to their home. It turns out that the emergency contact had been unable to contact anyone local to check in on our client the day before, and did not tell us. When we made contact with them again, they were able to dispatch a cousin who lived in another town. When they arrived, they found our client stuck in the bathtub. They had most certainly been there for at least 24 hours. We like to think we saved a life that day. This true story illustrates how Meals on Wheels is so much more than a meal. Our dedicated and caring volunteers are many times the only eyes and ears our clients have. They carefully follow established procedures to ensure, not only that meals are delivered, but know what to do in cases where clients divert from their daily routines. Our staff is constantly monitoring what is going on with the health and well being of all our clients, and never hesitate to step in with family members, should they see something out of the ordinary. These services come with our meals, free of charge!

Another Successful Golf Outing!

On June 5th, MOWTE hosted the 22nd Annual MOWTE Golf Outing and Awards Dinner at Mountain View Golf Club in Ewing, NJ. It netted over $25,000 for MOWTE helping to provide 4,762 meals for the home bound.

“The Golf Outing, through our sponsors and golfers, is very important to MOWTE,” said Adam Hughes, Esq., Co-chair of the Golf Outing event. “Everyone had a great time out on the golf course this year, and knowing that they are helping to provide meals to the homebound is the added benefit. Our sponsorships are a great opportunity for local businesses to reach the entire MOWTE community.”

The honorees of the Ed and Ellen Baker Award were MOWTE’s own, the Hon. John J. Hughes (pictured right) and The Times of Trenton, both for their outstanding commitment and contributions to the organization.

The weather was spectacular, and 84 golfers thoroughly enjoyed the day and dined together during the awards ceremony. Mark your calendars for next years 23rd outing, Thursday, June 4, 2015. See you there!
A Big Welcome to Stephanie Bradley and Kelly Matos!

There have been big changes at MOWTE over the summer! We are very excited to welcome our new Volunteer Coordinator Stephanie Bradley, and our new office Assistant, Kelly Matos. We are pleased to say that “Steph” was promoted from within, and has been settling nicely into her new role. “We have such amazing volunteers. It is a privilege to work with them as they do such an important service for our clients. I look forward to seeing them every day!”

Kelly came to us through one of our volunteers; her mom to be exact! Kelly has extensive office skills experience and has been a great help in getting all our files up to date! “I didn’t realize all that goes on behind the scenes to make MOWTE work! I am so glad I can use my skills to help the organization.” We are so pleased to welcome these talented young women into our MOWTE family in their new roles.

MOWTE has T-shirts!

We would like to acknowledge and send a special "THANK YOU!” to our two anonymous sponsors for their generous donation of our new MOWTE T-shirts. These shirts were beautifully made by Fancy Threads, in Hopewell. Additional shirts that say "So much more than a meal" are also available. The suggested donation is $10 a shirt. Thank you again to our generous, anonymous supporters! Without your kindness, we would not have these T-shirts.

Fall Direct Mail Campaign Is Amazing!

For the third year in a row, MOWTE is gearing up for our Fall Direct Mail Campaign. Included in the list of donors below are over 3200 names of individuals who have donated to help MOWTE feed the home bound. Raising over $130,000 since its inception, the fall campaign is the result of a cooperative effort of Meals on Wheels of Trenton/Ewing and over 30 other Meals on Wheels organizations around the country in the Meals on Wheels Cooperative. MOWTE has recently received deep cuts in public and private funds, so this goes a long way toward making MOWTE less reliant on grants and public funding.

“Your donation through the Fall Direct Mail Campaign goes directly to providing meals to the home bound in the Trenton/Ewing area. These funds will go toward providing almost 25,000 meals during 2014,” said John Blake, President of the Board of Directors. Our fall DMC should hit your mail boxes about the middle of November. Thank you so much for your ongoing support of MOWTE!

A Very Successful March for Meals Campaign

MOWTE had a very successful March for Meals campaign this year. March For Meals is an annual campaign in March of every year, designed to raise awareness of senior hunger and to encourage action at the local level. Marsillio’s Kitchen, Mikonos, Freddie’s Tavern, Café 72 and Coltello’s restaurants all participated, and between all of them, we not only raised the awareness of senior hunger in Mercer County, but these restaurants donated $1986 to MOWTE! We were also able to get them new diners. A win/win all around!

In addition, during “Champion’s Week” then acting Trenton, Mayor George Muschal, delivered meals to some of our Trenton clients (below), as did the new Trenton Indoor football team, the Trenton Freedom! Next year we are hoping to double the amount of restaurants participating. Dine for MOWTE in 2015 and make a difference!
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Thank you to all our loyal supporters!
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

MEALS ON WHEELS OF TRENTON/EWING delivers hot nutritious meals to people in the Greater Trenton/Ewing area who are homebound due to illness or age. We need both regular (weekly) volunteers and substitutes. All new volunteers receive an orientation and are trained by staff. Volunteers meet at 10:15 a.m. 180 Ewingville Road in Ewing, to pick up the food and route books with detailed directions. Volunteers deliver in pairs, with one volunteer driving and the other delivering the food to the door. Volunteering with MOWTE is a very gratifying experience and volunteers tell us they look forward to their day going out on their route each week! Come join our team and help us make a difference!

TO VOLUNTEER:
Call the Volunteer Coordinator @ (609) 695-3483
or complete and fax this form to (609) 883-1750
or clip and mail the section below to:

MEALS on WHEELS of TRENTON/EWING
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October 18th, 2014-Ewing Community Fest
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November, 2014 - Fall Direct Mail Campaign launched

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March 2015- March for Meals
April 22, 2015 - Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, Rho Restaurant, Trenton, NJ
June 4, 2015- 22nd Annual Golf Outing, Mountain View Golf Club, Ewing, NJ
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