

FEED A SENIOR; HELP A RESTAURANT

The COVID-19 pandemic, unfortunately, exposed many vulnerabilities in our communities; a resilient, yet fragile, healthcare system; a long-term care network ill-equipped for an easily transmissible virus like SARS COVID II, a food distribution grid easily sent into disarray and sadly, many of our local, small restaurants owned by our neighbors whose dream is to share their love of food with family, friends, and their community.

As many of our supporters know, Meals on Wheels of Mercer County has been working with many of our local restaurants for many years through our March for Meals restaurant event. These hard-working restauranteurs partner with us during the month of March every year, and give generously to support the needs of the elders in their communities.



A few of our restauranteurs



When the pandemic hit, many stepped up wanting to help! They donated meals, they found donors to underwrite the meals they donated, and one restaurant, Marsilio's Kitchen in Ewing, went as far as setting up an online donation page "Hospitality Works" where donations went to underwrite the cost of paying waitstaff to deliver meals for us when we ran into a shortage of volunteers! How creative!

We gave a name to this program, **Feed a Senior; Help a Restaurant** so we could also solicit donations to provide much needed weekend meals when our own program was so limited. Between the restaurants and our donations, over \$3,000 donated by our own Board as an example, we kept the weekend meals coming through the most difficult months of the pandemic. Eventually, we were able to secure both local funding through the City of Trenton, as well as state funding through the NJEDA and their Sustain and Serve program, both that continue today. Thanks to this funding we are able to continue to serve weekend meals to ALL our older adults, and help support our local restaurants.

It is creative partnerships like this, and the good will of so many people, that keep our seniors top of mind for many, exactly where they should be!



IN LOVING MEMORY OF RICHARD SCHEETZ

The MOWMC family has lost someone very special, Richard Scheetz, known as Dick to many. Richard volunteered on Route 1, three days a week, for close to 17 years. Many knew him in his previous career as a teacher and principal in the Hopewell school system.

Richard's heart was big. He was a man of faith, a family man, and a good son to his mother Grace who lived to almost 103. He would always step up when needed, from MOWMC events to inclement weather driving in his Subaru. We would tease him as he would deliver his route in record time. His laugh was contagious and he knew how to laugh at himself, one of his most endearing qualities. He also served on the MOWMC board for many years, playing a big role in helping us get it to where we are today.

Our deepest condolences to his family. We will miss him terribly. Godspeed Richard. 

WELCOME ZACH!

Zach Savino has joined our team as the new Volunteer Coordinator! He comes to us with his graduate degree from St. Johns University,  where he was the graduate assistant in charge of recruiting all campus volunteers to do service in the local community! He is well versed in volunteer recruitment, as well as building partnerships with campus communities!

"Growing up between Italy and the U.S., I witnessed a radically different European culture where the elderly are an active part of the community for their entire lives. I want to share that same love here with all of our volunteers and participants to help build a similar culture where everyone has a voice and is cared for."

Welcome to the team Zach!

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Anthony Colavita

By Donaline Colavita

Venugopala Reddy Gundra

By Ramakrishna Gundra, his son

Rameshwar Lal Gupta

By Avnish Gupta, his son

MOWMC Volunteer

Bette Gray Hance

By Marie DeBlasio, Linda Kreshover, Linda Montervino, & Carol Welsch

Alice P. Harkness

By Brenda & Todd Frounfelker

Thomas Malloy

By Ida Malloy

Bruce & Edna Martin

By Janet Martin

Eva Mazzella

By Lucille Mayton & D. Duayne Whitehurst

Barbara

By James Mulvan, her husband

Shirley Wanda Pindle

By BHF Territory Management Team

Suzanne Speer

By Ruth Daciek, Sonya Geisel-Hunt, & Emily & Ken Hang

Alice Valliere

By John & Amy Chambers

Marge & Gene Varga

By Jeanne Varga

The Mother of Cynthia Walsh

By Beth Grossman

Mary Zola

By Friends of the Family

IN HONOR DONATIONS

Dolores M. Barnat

By William Barnat

Margaret (Marge) M. Di Claudio

By Catherine Grogan

Karen Garfing (on her birthday)

By Robin Fogel

William Mullowney

By William Wiegmann

Sasa Olessi Montaño

By Lynne Azarchi

Senator Shirley K. Turner

Jonathan, Shirley, & Laura Allen

Shelly Yedlin

By Laura Sinderbrand

MOWMC Volunteer

William (Bill) Walker

By Ken Walker

CAN YOU SPARE A FEW HOURS A WEEK TO MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE?

Please consider joining us in providing nourishment for the body and the soul!

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...to all of the generous individuals, civic groups, houses of worship, schools, corporations, foundations, and our tireless volunteers who support us all throughout the year!!

Have you checked out our new website?



Don't forget to donate to MOWMC via your NJ 2021 tax return this year!

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ASSIST PARTICIPANTS IN MAINTAINING INDEPENDENCE, DIGNITY, HEALTH & WELL-BEING BY PROVIDING COMPREHENSIVE NUTRITION SERVICES AND HELPING EASE SOCIAL ISOLATION.