



# NEWS ON WHEELS

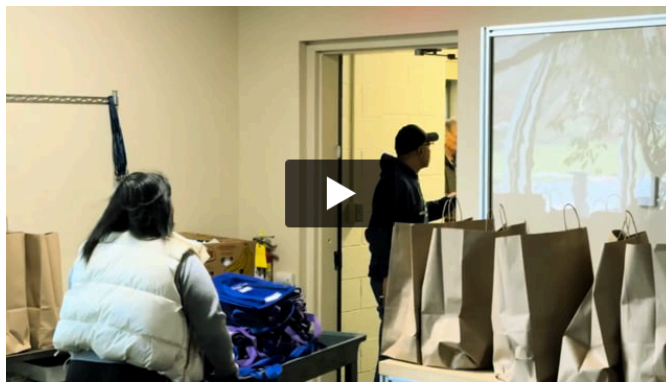
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## Happy New Year!

### *A look back at our impact in 2025*

- ~ Over 150,000 meals delivered to homebound seniors
- ~ Expanded service areas and new delivery routes
- ~ Established new partnerships with *CVS Health* and *NJEDA*
- ~ Served 306 new participants
- ~ Expanded our volunteer team by an additional 71 members
- ~ Provided every participant with an extra bag of groceries for the holidays
- ~ Hosted Community Champions who joined us for special meal deliveries
- ~ Delivered fresh produce to ALL participants
- ~ Increased the frequency of nutrition education materials shared with participants
- ~ Expanded our team with a new Program Coordinator and Grant Writer position
- ~ Nutrition education expansion or new materials offered
- ~ Collaborations with local organizations such as food banks, hospitals, and faith based organizations



### *Looking Ahead to 2026*

- ~ Ensure that no senior in our community is placed on a waitlist for meals
- ~ Expand our reach and continue building strong partnerships throughout the community
- ~ Grow our team of dedicated volunteers to better support our increased service needs
- ~ Provide participants with additional resources and supports throughout the year
- ~ Strengthen our fundraising efforts so we can serve more seniors and enhance our program

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### **Volunteers News!**

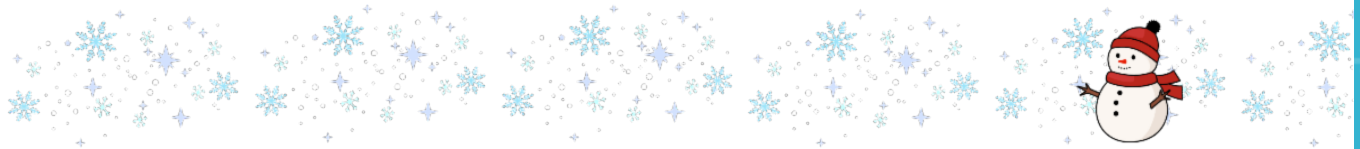
Volunteers are the heart of MOWMC. In 2025, Wesley and Stacey Fine brought their son to deliver at MOWMC as part of his Bar Mitzvah project.

Their son, a cooking enthusiast, chose our organization as it connected to his favorite hobby. His mom, Stacey, also used to deliver meals for a different organization in the past. We are grateful that the Fine family chose to deliver meals with us, and we can only hope that other families follow in their footsteps!

*Thank you for your time and kindness!*



*The Fine family at Rider University during meal delivery pickup.*



*MOWMC participant greeting a volunteer.*

## **New Volunteers**

*Each month, we will be  
highlighting our  
newest volunteers.*

*In December, we welcomed:*

**Neeta C.  
Linnea I.  
Ananda K.**

**I want to Volunteer!**

**Looking for plans in the new year?**

**Consider volunteering for  
Meals on Wheels of Mercer County!**

We are looking for dedicated individuals in our community to deliver meals with us or help in the kitchen at Rider University.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about how you can get involved, send an email to [volunteer@mealsonwheelsmercer.org](mailto:volunteer@mealsonwheelsmercer.org) or call (609) 695-3483.

## In the News...

### A MOWMC Special Delivery

#### *Holiday Grocery Baskets*

For Giving Tuesday 2025, MOWMC raised \$16,964 through the Holiday Basket Campaign! In addition to the warm, nutritious meals we deliver, participants also received an arrangement of shelf-stable items, ensuring that everyone enjoyed the comfort and joy of good food during the holidays.

Items such as oatmeal, bread, milk, tuna, low sodium soup, crackers and a variety of condiments made a real difference for families during the holidays. Special thanks to Mercer Street Friends, for providing fresh fruits and veggies for the grocery bags!

MOWMC Staff packed 400 grocery bags and delivered them all in the span of two days the week before Christmas. It was a wonderful opportunity to bond as a team and connect with our participants on a personal level!



*Preparation for holiday grocery deliveries.*





*Participant with their grocery delivery.*



## **Princeton Garden Club**

### ***Holiday Bouquets for MOWMC Participants!***

The Princeton Garden Club assembled **beautiful holiday arrangements** for all MOWMC participants! Volunteers delivered the arrangements in addition to the meal deliveries that went out mid-December.

With utmost gratitude, thank you to the members of the Princeton Garden Club for contributing such a beautiful gift! During the holiday season, we try to deliver extra holiday cheer to our participants, and this was a pleasant surprise for the people we serve.

The Princeton Garden Club has been providing our participants with festive arrangements **since the 1970s!** We wish to thank Terhune Orchards, the Mount family, and the Princeton Garden Club for their long-time partnership with MOWMC.



*Holiday arrangements split into bags by route.*



*Holiday arrangements prepared by the Princeton Garden Club members.*

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## Giving Info

[Donate Now](#)

You may now select **more options** for **recurring donations!**

Your recurring donations can help Mercer County seniors on a regular basis and without a second thought.



- Weekly
- Bi-weekly
- Bi-monthly
- Quarterly
- Yearly!



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