

A Meals on Wheels of Mercer County Publication September 2025

September is Hunger Action Month

Hunger Action Month is a national campaign held every September to raise awareness and inspire action to end hunger in the country. This month, we invite you to consider supporting our mission of delivering healthy meals and providing friendly connections to our homebound neighbors in Mercer County.

Donate or sign up to volunteer below!

Fresh Produce:

On August 27th, MOWMC delivered the last batch of fresh produce!



Delivery of apples and nectarines at Rider University. *Photograph by Jayden Bailey*.



Farmer George unloading the box of fresh produce.

Photograph by Jayden Bailey.

This summer, thanks to Farmer George and Asprocolas Acres, a total of 5,360 bags of fresh fruits and vegetables were delivered to our participants!



The Asprocolas Acres truck parked at Rider University. *Photograph by Jayden Bailey.*



A big thank you to the Wednesday morning volunteers who pack with care! Pictured from left to right: Joe, Pat, Clive and Mike.

MOWMC Interns: Thank You and Farewell!

A huge thank you and good luck to our summer interns **Jayden** and **Mayce!** Together, they **delivered over 175 shifts** and **drove over 750 miles!** Their hard work and positive attitudes will be missed at MOWMC — they left a lasting impact on the volunteers and participants alike...

Here are all the things they accomplished in their two months with us!

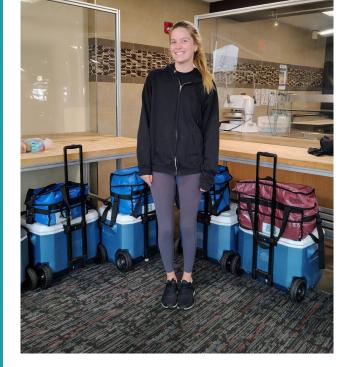
- Created volunteer badges
- Wrote volunteer birthday cards
- Dropped off recruiting materials at local libraries
- Covered each of 29 routes at least once
- Interviewed volunteers
- Photographed volunteers/delivery
- Photographed kitchen activity
- Photographed staff/head shots
- Photographed farm/produce delivery
- Assembled new participant folders
- Assembled hygiene bags
- Laminated volunteer car placards

- Entered new participant intake information
- Assisted with Door Dash meal distribution



Summer interns Jayden Bailey and Mayce Fleming pictured in front of the meal delivery coolers at Rider University's Daly Dining Hall.





Jayden Fleming pulling coolers and hot bags at Rider University's Daly Dining Hall.

Mayce Fleming assisting at Rider University's Daly Dining Hall.

New Volunteers

Each month, we will be highlighting our newest volunteers.
In August, we welcomed:

Ganesh A. Carolyn M. Carl P.

Looking for plans this fall? \Box

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.

Apply Today



MOWMC Volunteers Lindsey and Ralph with a participant. *Photograph by Jayden Bailey*.

Families en Route

Check out our volunteers who have brought their families along to deliver meals to our homebound neighbors! Volunteering is fun for the whole family, AND it makes a difference for the participants receiving their meals.

↓ See the families below! **↓**



Volunteer Bill with his granddaughter Tierney, who volunteered in her free time all summer!



Volunteer and former staff member Brandon with his daughter! The pair had lots of fun driving around and meeting new people.



Volunteers Ken and Pat with their three granddaughters outside of Rider University's Daly Dining Hall.

The girls joined their grandparents while visiting Mercer County.

If your family is interested in delivering for Meals on Wheels, email <u>volunteer@mealsonwheelsmercer.org</u> or call (609) 695-3483 TODAY!

MOWMC Attends MOWA Conference!



From August 26 to 28, two of our team members, Venetta Ellerbe, MOWMC CEO, and Ruth Todd, Program Director, attended the annual Meals on Wheels America (MOWA) Conference in San Antonio, Texas.

This year's conference provided a valuable opportunity to stay informed on evolving policies and best practices that directly impact the communities we serve. In today's uncertain climate, staying connected, adaptable, and informed is more important than ever. The event also offered a chance to collaborate with other Meals on Wheels programs from across the country, sharing insights and solutions for the challenges we all face.

A big thank you to Venetta and Ruth for representing MOWMC.

Giving Info

Donate Now



You may now donate via Apple Pay, Google Pay, PayPal & Venmo!

You can also set up recurring monthly giving!

If you would like to make a donation **In Memory or In Honor** of someone, you may do so by selecting the type of 'Tribute Gift' on our donation page. *Please leave details regarding names and acknowledgement.*

Be sure to check our website for acknowledgements for tribute dedications!

(currently listing donations received April 1, 2025 though June 30, 2025)

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