Meals On Wheels of Sheboygan County, Inc.

Winter 2012

### Open House Week at 1004 South Taylor Drive



The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Christopher Family Kitchen in the new Meals On Wheels building was held on Monday, November 26th at 5:00 pm. A crowd of 85 friends of Meals On Wheels gathered for the occasion. On Tuesday the 27th, and Wednesday the 28th, open house tours for the public were scheduled every half hour. Over 450 people took the opportunity to see the kitchen, fresh produce processing center and administrative offices.



Executive Director, Kelly Heyn, Jay W. Christopher, and board member Dennis Ohl address the crowd before the ribbon cutting. Board member Ingrid Horn holds the ribbon in the background.

### MATCHING GRANT

Jay W. Christopher, and The Christopher Family Foundation have made a generous matching grant of \$500,000 to the Kitchen Campaign for Meals On Wheels. All gifts made to the Kitchen Campaign after September 29, 2012 will be matched by the Christopher Challenge Grant up to a half million dollars.

For those who missed the tour, WSCS -TV 98 will be airing a video tour from Dec. 26th through January 31st, 2013 on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm and Thursdays at 8:00 am. It can also be viewed on the wscssheboygan.com website, or on YouTube (Fresh Meals On Wheels).

The first meals rolled out of our kitchen on Monday, November 26th, and by Friday, the 30th all Meals On Wheels routes were being prepared in-house. As with any major transition, there have been a few bumps in the road, but the early responses to our

Meals On Wheels

made-from-scratch meals is overwhelmingly positive. Clients are also thrilled with the new microwavable and biodegradable food trays.





# The 'Blizzard Meals' Have Left the Building

Did you ever wonder what happens when a major snowstorm prevents our volunteers from delivering meals? Meals On Wheels delivers two shelf stable 'blizzard meals' to everyone who receives meals. We ask our clients to set them aside in case of inclement weather. You never know when we're due for another foot of snow!

Tower Academy students Tony Razo and DeShun Shanklin help volunteer Judy Grey load the heavy blizzard meals into her car.

### Grow-A-Row For Meals On Wheels!



The Fresh Produce Processing Center wasn't scheduled to be officially opened before Spring of 2013, but when 5,000 lbs of carrots and 3,500 lbs of potatoes showed up, who were we to say no?!

The carrots were gleaned from Cleveland area farmer, Dennis Grotegut's fields after the canning company machines had completed their harvest. If we hadn't harvested these 'leftovers' they would have been turned back into the soil as compost. Dennis had this to say..."it was a tough year getting the carrots started, we replanted twice, too wet, too dry; but in the end all of us in northeast Wisconsin were blessed with great crops contrary to other parts of the country. It brings me joy to share the bounty." Both the carrots and the potatoes have been used in our

meals, bringing added nutrition and fresh flavor.

Starting next Spring we will be launching a Grow-A-Row for Meals On Wheels campaign. Area farmers, growers, and backyard gardeners will be encouraged to plant something extra for Meals On Wheels. For more information, contact jane@powercom.net.



### Skillanthropy Corner

**Skill an thro py:** a professional with a skill who donates time and effort to a humanitarian cause

One of the first things you see upon entering the new Meals On Wheels building is an 8 foot tall fork hanging in the Bruce & Carol Grover Vestibule. The fork is part of our 'fresh' logo. This dramatic sculpture was gifted to Meals On Wheels by Saunders Kohn of KP Welding and Brad Roberts of Classic Coatings. Brett Daniels of KP Welding designed the fork and Bill Lahti machine cut the sculpture. Both pieces were sent over to Classic Coatings for a coat of blue and green paint.

### A Warm Welcome to Our New 2012 Volunteers

Edward Thiessen
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# Thank you to all the men and women who take an hour out of their day to make sure that all of our Meals On Wheels neighbors are fed!

There are several new volunteering opportunities at Meals On Wheels. We need a volunteer every Monday through Friday to label bags from 12:30-1:30 pm in our Volunteer room. Sign up once a week or once a month at mow@powercom.net. Also, starting in Spring, 2013 we will need adult volunteers to help in our Fresh Produce Processing Center. Volunteer Training sessions will be held in early March. Please email mow@powercom.net to have your name added to that list if you are interested.



What do Logistics, Love Bowls, and a Christmas tree have in common? A Kohler Stewardship day, of course! The Meals On Wheels offices officially relocated to our new facility at 1004 S. Taylor Dr. on Friday, October 12, however what we brought with us that day were simply the bare necessities to keep us up and running. What got left behind was everything else.

When Gail Hameister, a member of the Kohler Logistics team, contacted us in October regarding a stewardship day for her department, naturally, we were happy to oblige. On November 6, two separate teams totaling seven people, worked from 8:00-10:00 am and 10:00-12:00 pm, to gently pack up the Love Bowls, Christmas decorations, and other random office items, and officially relocate them to our new facility. They were efficient, meticulous, and had fun while they worked. Best of all, not one Love Bowl was harmed in the move!

Two lucky friends will receive
a pair of Love Bowls!
Like us on Facebook @FreshMealsOnWheels
to be eligible for the drawning on January 15th, 2013



Love Bowls 2013

Sunday, February 17th Sheboygan South High 10 am - 3 pm

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Meals On Wheels has been tremendously blessed by many individuals in our community. Recently we lost one of our most articulate advocates when Mr. Bill Weissert, Executive Director of the United Way of Sheboygan County, passed away December 3rd.

Deeply philosophical, Bill entwined his strong patriotism into everything he did. Five years ago, he dealt with the economic downtown as though going to war - more people were jobless, hungry, and homeless. Like any excellent general, Bill rallied the troops and quickly put programs and systems in place to help those most at risk. His legacy in Sheboygan County is surely the number of people he helped. We join his family and co-workers in grieving his loss.



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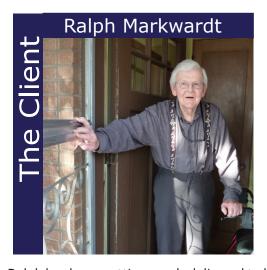
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### The Fresh Faces of Meals On Wheels



Not every Meals On Wheels volunteer delivers meals. For over a decade, Mary Vincevenius and Mary Yurk have been coming to the Meals On Wheels office once a month to do our client billing. As Mary Yurk recalled, it all started with her asking, "Is there anything else I can do?" The Two Mary's are good friends who look forward to volunteering and catching up at the same time. As for the Meals On Wheels staff - we always look forward to a visit from the Two Mary's.



Ralph has been getting meals delivered to his home for just over a year. He says every volunteer is joyful, and that makes his day. Ralph worked for Lake to Lake Dairy for 25 years, and has now been retired for 25 years. His favorite thing to do, these days, is visit friends at Pine Haven. Ralph tells us he's been blessed with a wonderful family of two children, 6 grandchildren, and recently he's earned the title of great-Grandpa!

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