



Et Cetera

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Subaru Share the Love Event Returns



Buy a great vehicle and support a great cause. With every new Subaru purchased or leased, Subaru and its retailers are donating a minimum of \$300 to charity, like Meals on Wheels.

The campaign runs November 20 through January 2. Since the Subaru Share the Love Event began in 2008, Subaru and its retailers have donated nearly 5 million meals and friendly visits to seniors served by local Meals on Wheels programs nationwide.

For more information, visit www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/sharethelove.

Home-Delivered Meals Program Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon 2025



Our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon was a huge success. This year, the Meals on Wheels, Etc. staff hosted the event at The Sanford Galleon. The venue was cozy and our buffet lunch prepared by Chef Delano was delicious.

Tracey Gustafson, AAA Volunteer led the team for a fun activity of painting “Make every interaction a masterpiece.” The activity was interactive. Each volunteer started their own painting. Then they passed their paintings around the table so others were able to add to it. The results were great while highlighting the importance of working together. The photo to the right is an example as Joanne Ecker shows off her painting.



The event also included volunteer recognitions for 200+ hours of service, Volunteer of the Quarter and announcement of Volunteer of the Year, James Warren. We ended the celebration with some great door prizes.

Thank you to ALL volunteers who continue to support our Home-Delivered Meals clients with your time, talent and love. We could not do this without you!

Remembering Colin Quinn Meals on Wheels, Etc. Volunteer



We recently lost one of our very own - Colin Quinn. Colin passed away October 27th unexpectedly.

Colin was a Home-Delivered Meals volunteer participating as part of the AAA Adopt-A-Route Program for many years, delivering meals and kindness to the seniors on the Lake Mary routes. In addition, Colin and his son, Emmett joined us on many Christmas mornings delivering a gift and meal to seniors before spending the day with his own family. And more recently, Colin extended his volunteer service to our Chore Program helping with several yard clean-ups.

We are very saddened by his passing and extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife Julie, son Emmett and the entire Quinn family. Emmett recently signed up to volunteer with his dad to help with the yard clean-up projects and he hopes he can continue his dad's legacy by being part of our Meals on Wheels family.

Upcoming Holiday Events & Campaigns

Adopt A Senior for the Holidays

Accepting gift basket donations now through December 17th



Christmas Day Meal/Gift Delivery

Due to the popularity of this event, we are anticipating the event to reach capacity early.

Senior Santa Campaign

Now thru December 31

Give a Gift That Keeps Giving - Your donation makes it possible for us to make a difference for the seniors!



For more information, visit www.mealsetc.org or contact Community Relations Coordinator, Dawn Garrison at dgarrison@mealsetc.org



We wish each of you a joyous holiday season. We sincerely “thank you” for your continued support of Meals on Wheels, Etc.

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