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Annual March for Meals Campaign

Clayton County Meals on Wheels continues this year with its participation in the [14th annual March for Meals](#) campaign. This month long, nationwide celebration of Meal on Wheels focuses on bringing greater awareness to three major issues of Meals on Wheels clients – hunger, vulnerability and isolation on a national and local basis.

This year's March for Meals celebration began with the week of March 1, Board of Commissioner's (BOC) Week. The home delivery meal program was presented with a proclamation from the Board of Commissioners at the first Business Meeting of the month proclaiming the month March for Meals Month. In addition to the proclamation presentation by Chairman Turner, who is a long-time advocate of the program, the chairman also committed to deliver meals to many of the county's Meals on Wheels clients as part of the BOC Week. Fellow Commissioners have also committed to take an active role in this year's celebration in support of the meal deliveries to their constituents during the week, along with the new Chief Operating Officer (COO) and program advocate, Detrick Stanford. The week of March 7-11 focuses on community partnerships and support such as that received for many years from Mr. Stanford. The March 7th week has been named Community Advocate Week. Supporters of the program such as Attorney Jason Green, Aging/Meals on Wheels Board member Christina Cummings and others will deliver meals and spend time fellowshiping with seniors. On Wednesday, March 16 some of the brave men and women of the county's Public Safety departments will surprise seniors with meals and informal safety checks as part of their annual commitment to the cause. Wrapping up the month long celebration the week of March 21-25 seniors will receive meals from those dedicated officials who also help to enforce the laws of the county during Legal Eagle Week with District Attorney Lawson and Assistant Solicitor General Gammage out delivering meals throughout the county. As part of Legal Eagle Week, Wednesday, March 23 has been designated as Mayor's Day. Local mayors from Riverdale, Jonesboro, Lake City and Forest Park have committed to delivering meals to seniors and addressing any concerns of the homebound seniors residing within their municipalities.

Since 2002, [Meals on Wheels America](#) has led the annual awareness campaign in an effort to fill the gap between the seniors served and those in need that is widening due to increased demand with a rapidly aging population combined with declining public and private resources, and rising food, transportation and operational costs. This March, hundreds of local Meals on Wheels programs, like Clayton County's Meals on Wheels program will reach out to their communities to build the support that will enable them to deliver nutritious meals, friendly visits and safety checks to America's seniors all year long.



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