AUGUST 2025

MEALS on WHEELS
WESTERN MICHIGAN

Volunteer NEWS

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WHAT'S NEW?

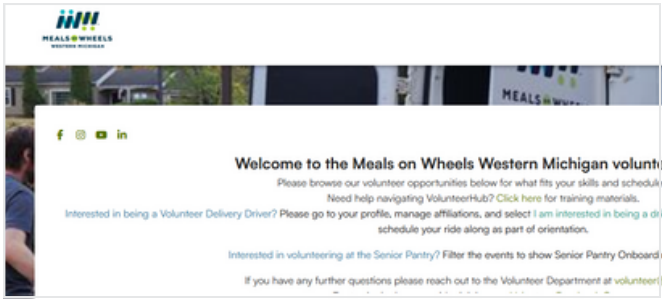
Volunteers needed

EMERGENCY MEAL DELIVERY DAY

SAVE THE DATE!

SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2025





TWO MONTHS OF VOLUNTEERHUB

Thank you for such a great rollout of VolunteerHub. We are so excited for how the transition is going and to hear that people are finding it easy to sign up for opportunities. Thank you for jumping in and having patience while we got everything set up behind the scenes. Don't hesitate to reach out with questions.



SHHH!

Just a reminder that client information must remain confidential. Please refrain from sharing clients' names, information about their health, or any other private information. Similarly, how we would not want someone knowing our private affairs- we should also extend that courtesy to the clients we serve.

LOOKING FOR THE VOLUNTEERHUB?

GO TO VOLUNTEERHUB

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



This month we would like to honor Lynn Trudell who has been volunteering with us for about one year on the pack table Tuesday mornings.

MOWWM staff describe Lynn as,

"dependable, knowledgeable, accurate, and attentive to detail. Lynn is very adaptable and runs the head of the head or fills in at sides as needed. Lynn is always fun to be around and brings great energy to the table."

Thank you, Lynn for all of your help. We truly appreciate you and are happy to celebrate you!

ANIVERSARY DATES

- Tommy Young – 1 year
- Lee Marentette – 1 year
- Makenna D May – 1 year
- Zachary L Deckard – 1 year
- Walt Felver – 1 year
- Cal Kooistra – 1 year
- Heather VanderSchuur – 1 year
- Amber Antozak – 1 year
- Avery D Cater – 1 year
- Mary Powers – 2 years
- Kimberly Mueller – 2 years
- Wallen Hamtambo – 2 years
- Mavis Bottenhorn – 2 years
- Cheri Stanton – 2 years
- Daniel Stanton – 2 years
- Bob Gilman – 3 years
- Michael Munch – 3 years
- Mary Witucki – 3 years
- Daniel Lutz – 3 years
- Jeanne Lutz – 3 years
- Maureen Robach – 9 years

RAFFLE WINNERS



Congratulations to our winners: Wayne Kerkstra, Sandy Hoonhorst, and Nicholas Mann.

See a staff member of the Volunteer Department to get your short sleeve MOWWM shirt.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



MONTHLY MAILING

Volunteers help put our healthy bites mailing together every second Tuesday of the month from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The newsletter shares tips to stay healthy, recipes, activities like crosswords, and more! Interested in joining the team that helps? Sign up today!

2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

PACK TABLE VOLUNTEER

Did you know that not all of our clients who are homebound receive the same meals on delivery days? Our dedicated Pack Table volunteers help sort meals and sides and pack the coolers for our delivery drivers.

Join this early morning crew on delivery days to help ensure clients who are homebound receive their meals!

MONDAY-FRIDAY
7:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.

To register email
volunteer@mowwm.org







GROUP VOLUNTEER

The MOWWM team has set a goal of welcoming 2,000 volunteers through our doors this year!

Do you have an employer, church, or group who may be interested in volunteering together? Reach out to the Volunteer Team for more information!

MONDAY-FRIDAY
9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
or
12:00 P.M.-2:00 P.M.

To register email
volunteer@mowwm.org







VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Thank you, ALL VOLUNTEERS for your dedication to our vision of a community where no senior is hungry or forgotten!

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CORPORATE SPOTLIGHT

Thank you

Thank you to the following companies and organizations for your support of MOWWM and our vision of building a community where no senior is hungry or forgotten:

- Amway
- West Michigan Aviation Academy
- Priority Health
- Gordon Food Service
- The Home Depot
- Granger Construction






KEEP IN TOUCH, STAY INVOLVED

"Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another."
~Erma Bombeck

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I want to offer a short note of gratitude today for all of your remarkable persistence over the last couple months as we've made a number of additions and changes that I know have required extra effort from many of you. Each of you—our amazing team of volunteers—have given your time, energy and talent at a very high level. On behalf of the entire leadership team, thank you!

We have been listening, studying and learning about clients' needs and preferences. Several of the changes you've helped us accomplish were responses to what we've learned. We made the addition of the three new meals (turkey, beef and chicken leg) that were added to your deliveries this month to provide additional meal options for our seniors. These have already received outstanding feedback from our seniors and are being ordered strongly from the choice menu.

The breakfast box pilot this summer was also in response to feedback from clients who are looking for more and different options from us to meet their needs. Response has been remarkably strong as well.

We're aware that this has been a big lift across the teams of volunteers and staff. It's worked to accomplish a significant task of introducing the people we all serve to important new options that help them to stay nourished, healthy, and living independently in their homes.

Again, a deep and heartfelt thank you for all that you do!

Lisa Wideman
President and CEO