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MEALS ON WHEELS OFFERS SERVICE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOME-SCHOOLERS IN THE BALTIMORE METRO REGION

Baltimore, MD – Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland (MOWCM) is offering a variety of service learning opportunities aimed at children and youth who are home schooled. The focus on home-schoolers is an expansion on the two-year-old Meals on Wheels' **Moms for Meals** campaign that offers summer and school holiday meal delivery opportunities for children and youth and their families.

“We wanted to tap into the increasing number of families around the region who have chosen to home school their children,” said Patrice Woodard, MOWCM volunteer recruitment specialist. “Regardless of how they are schooled, the state requirement is that before high school graduation all youth must accumulate 75 or more service learning hours. The benefit of addressing volunteerism in the home schooling setting is that it offers parents the opportunity to engage their children in reflecting what they have learned as a result of the volunteer experience.”

Meals on Wheels' information and awareness campaign regarding service learning opportunities for home-schoolers will be conducted through their Central Office in Baltimore (also covering Baltimore County) and in their local county offices in Anne Arundel, Carroll, Harford, and Howard counties.

“We hope that moms, dads, or other family members who are home schooling will contact us to find out about the service learning opportunities we’re offering and how they and their children can make such a positive difference in the lives of our homebound clients who live in their community,” added Woodard.

For more information on service learning opportunities for home-schoolers, call 443-573-0926, toll-free 1-866-558-0927, or log on to www.mealsonwheelsmd.org.

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Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland is a nonprofit organization that enables homebound people to eat well and remain in their own homes. Our dedicated staff and volunteers prepare and deliver over 800,000 nutritious meals a year. But Meals on Wheels is more than a meal – we also provide grocery shopping and other support services to help our clients maintain independence and peace of mind.