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MEALS ON WHEELS OF CENTRAL MARYLAND AWARDED GRANT FROM MEALS ON WHEELS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA AND WAL-MART FOUNDATION TO CURE SENIOR HUNGER
Grant given at a time when Meals on Wheels is struggling to feed Seniors

March 3, 2009, Baltimore, Maryland – Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland has been awarded a $10,000 grant from Meals on Wheels Association of America (MOWAA) and the Wal-Mart Foundation to support the local program in doing what they do best – feed seniors.

This past year, many Meals on Wheels programs were forced to change or reduce their services because of severe operating constraints brought on by rising food and gas prices and the current economic crisis. The "MOWAA/Wal-Mart Foundation Cure Grant" is intended to alleviate these burdens for Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland and help them restore their nutrition services to better serve seniors in the Baltimore Metropolitan region."

"With the MOWAA/Wal-Mart Foundation Cure Grant, we will be able to feed more of our senior clients in need and make a tremendous impact in our community," said A. Thomas Grazio, executive director of Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland.

According to a groundbreaking national research study entitled "The Causes, Consequences and Future of Senior Hunger in America," which was commissioned by the MOWAA Foundation, 1 in 9 seniors in America is at risk of hunger. The fact that 11.4 percent of seniors in the country are at risk of hunger and the fact that the population is aging at an unprecedented rate put a significant strain on community-based Meals on Wheels programs' ability to provide meals for those in need. The "MOWAA/Wal-Mart Foundation Cure Grant Program" is intended to increase the number of individuals served and reverse the forced reduction in meal services seen at Meals on Wheels programs throughout the nation.

"Unlike cancer or AIDS, we have the cure to end senior hunger in America today," said Enid Borden, president and CEO of MOWAA. "We can't thank the Wal-Mart Foundation enough for supporting us in our mission and remembering the seniors we serve during this desperate time."

In operation since 1960, Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland is a nonprofit organization that helps homebound people to eat well and remain in their own homes. Meals on Wheels' dedicated staff and volunteers prepare and deliver over 800,000 nutritious meals a year. But Meals on Wheels is more than a meal – they also provide grocery shopping and other support services to help their clients maintain independence and peace of mind. To obtain more information, visit www.mealsonwheelsmd.org.

The Meals on Wheels Association of America (MOWAA) is the oldest and largest national organization in the United States representing those programs that provide meals to people in need. To obtain more information about MOWAA or to locate a local Meals on Wheels program, visit the MOWAA website at www.mowaa.org.

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skills training, sustainability and health and wellness. In 2007, Wal-Mart, Sam's Club and the Wal-Mart Foundation gave $296 million to communities across the United States. To learn more, visit www.walmartfoundation.org.

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