



MEALS ON WHEELS OF CENTRAL MARYLAND

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KAISER PERMANENTE TEAMS WITH MEALS ON WHEELS OF CENTRAL MARYLAND

Baltimore, MD – Kaiser Permanente Mid-Atlantic will be the presenting sponsor at the 18th Annual Culinary Extravaganza to benefit Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland. This year's event will be held on May 3 at the Renaissance Harborplace Hotel from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and features delicious dishes from the area's top chefs, wines, spirits and a live and silent auction. Last year's event raised more than \$142,000 and is currently ranked as one of the area's top fundraisers according to *the Baltimore Business Journal, Book of Lists 2009*.

“Kaiser Permanente is our first-ever presenting sponsor for this event and their timing could not have been better as we begin celebrating our 50th year of community service,” said A. Thomas Grazio, Meals on Wheels Executive Director. “Kaiser Permanente is a spoke in the wheel that will allow us to help as many individuals as possible receive the services that they need to remain independent and, most importantly, in their homes. We welcome Kaiser Permanente to our family.”

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“By partnering with Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland in their 18th Annual Culinary Extravaganza benefit event, Kaiser Permanente Mid-Atlantic further strengthens our ties to the community by helping raising funds to provide individuals with the services they need to maintain a healthy lifestyle and thrive,” said Maritha Gay, senior director of external affairs for Kaiser Permanente of the Mid-Atlantic States. “As part of our commitment to the community, we are working to ensure that individuals, who otherwise would not have access to healthy foods, receive the grocery items and meals that they need, so they can remain independent and worry free.”

Beginning in early February, Kaiser Permanente will have a presence on a meal delivery van which will travel on major roads and highways in the Baltimore metropolitan area for a six-month period. Last year, Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland prepared and delivered 749,763 meals for 2,967 people who are homebound with the assistance of more than 2,000 volunteers.

For event information, sponsorship opportunities or tickets to the 18th Annual Culinary Extravaganza, visit www.mealsonwheelsmd.org/culinary or call 443-573-0929.

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About Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland

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 745,000 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.

About Kaiser Permanente of the Mid-Atlantic States

Kaiser Permanente of the Mid-Atlantic States region, headquartered in Rockville, Md., provides and coordinates complete health care services for almost 500,000 members through 30 medical office buildings in Maryland, Virginia and Washington D.C. Kaiser Permanente of the Mid-Atlantic States, founded in 1980, is a total health organization composed of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Mid-Atlantic States, Inc., and the Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group, P.C., an independent medical group that features approximately 900 physicians who provide or arrange care for patients throughout the area. The health plan is considered one of Maryland's "Top HMOs" according to the Maryland Health Care Commission. In addition, it was recently named "Highest in Member Satisfaction" among Commercial Health Plans by J.D. Power and Associates. Visit kp.org/newscenter for more Kaiser Permanente news.