

CCAAA THANKS LOCAL MAYORS

The Clearfield County Area Agency on Aging, Inc. (CCAAA) announced their participation in the National Mayors For Meals Day as a part of their March For Meals campaign. March For Meals is a national campaign, organized by the Meals On Wheels Association of America. It is designed to raise awareness of the need for good nutrition for senior citizens, to underscore the value of the meal service in preserving senior independence, and to encourage communities to take an active part in ensuring the program continues. Senior nutrition programs across the United States promote March For Meals in a variety of ways including public events, partnerships with local businesses, volunteer recruitment, and fundraising initiatives. Mayors For Meals Day was introduced in 2006 as an outgrowth of March For Meals.

This year, three local mayors took time out of their work day to hand deliver meals and visit consumers throughout Clearfield County. Participating officials included Mayor James Schell of Clearfield, Mayor Holly Komonczi of Curwensville, and Mayor Gary Gilbert of DuBois. They joined over 1,300 other government officials, a new record for Mayors for Meals, throughout the nation who took part in this national program.

Clearfield County's Mayors For Meals Day event included home delivery of meals and visits to area Meals on Wheels and More recipients. "This is our fourth year participating in the Mayors for Meals Day program. We hope to continue to raise awareness of this essential program and encourage citizens of Clearfield County to become involved through financial support when local fundraisers are conducted. Their support is vital to help meet the needs of older citizens throughout our county," said Rikki Ross, Marketing and Events Coordinator for CCAAA. She added, "The Clearfield County Area Agency on Aging would like to thank all the mayors for their participation in this great event. The meals recipients truly enjoyed the opportunity to meet and visit the mayors."

In Clearfield County, the Meals on Wheels and More program serves nearly 170,000 meals to more than 1,000 consumers per year. In addition, another 40,000 meals per year are served at various senior centers in the county.

For additional information, or to make a contribution to the local Meals on Wheels and More Program, please contact the CCAAA at (814) 765-2696.



Three officials from Clearfield County celebrated National Mayors for Meals Day by serving meals on wheels to recipients in the boroughs of Clearfield, Curwensville, and the city of DuBois. Shown clockwise from upper left are: Robert and Mary Lou Stewart with Curwensville Mayor Holly Komonczi, Clearfield Mayor James Schell with Helen Celebar, and DuBois Mayor Gary Gilbert with John and Josephine Skraba.