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### Wesley Community Services Receives National Grant For “Mayors for Meals” Campaign

**July 30, 2009, Cincinnati, Ohio** - Wesley Community Services announced today that they have been awarded a \$500.00 Bronze Award grant from the Meals-On-Wheels Association of America (MOWAA) in recognition of the success of their 2009 “Mayors for Meals” campaign. “Our main focus for this campaign was to raise awareness of the importance of proper nutrition and the number of Greater Cincinnati seniors and individuals with disabilities in need,” said Stephen Smookler, Executive Director.

Five local elected officials delivered meals throughout Cincinnati during the week of March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009, and prepared proclamations proclaiming “**Mayor’s-For-Meals Week 2009**” for **Wesley Community Services**. Participants included: Vice Mayor David Crowley, City of Cincinnati; Mayor Charles Johnson, City of Forest Park; The Honorable David Pepper, President Hamilton County Board Commission; The Honorable William J. Seitz III, Ohio State Senator; and Vice Mayor Curtis Walden, City of St. Bernard.

Wesley Community Services has as its mission to provide services to seniors and individuals with disabilities so that they may remain in their homes for as long as possible. Wesley Community Services provides **Meals-On-Wheels, Medical Transportation** and **Homemaker/Housecleaning** services to seniors and individuals with disabilities throughout the Cincinnati area. It also provides senior housing services through Wesley Senior Services, LLC. In 2008 250,123 Meals-On-Wheels were delivered, 34,141 medical transports were completed and 21,471 hours of homemaker services were provided to over 2,450 area seniors and individuals with disabilities. Wesley Community Services is a contracting agency of the Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio and is a partner agency of United Way of Greater Cincinnati.

MOWAA is the oldest and largest organization in the United States representing those who provide meal services to people in need. MOWAA works toward the social, physical, nutritional, and economic betterment of vulnerable Americans. The guiding principle to which it subscribes is to help those men and women who are elderly, homebound, disabled, frail, or at risk. MOWAA provides the tools and information its programs need to make a difference in the lives of others, "so no senior goes hungry."®

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