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**SIX ELECTED OFFICIALS DELIVER MEALS-ON-WHEELS FOR
WESLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES**

From March 16th through March 20th, Wesley Community Services will be celebrating “**March for Meals 2009**”. Ohio State Senator William J. Seitz, III, City of Cincinnati Vice Mayor David Crowley, Hamilton County Board Commissioner David Pepper, Village of Lincoln Heights Mayor Laverne Mitchell, City of Forest Park Mayor Charles Johnson, and City of St. Bernard Vice Mayor Curtis Walden will be among hundreds of elected officials across the country showing their support for the Meals-On-Wheels program in their communities by delivering meals to seniors.

In 2008, Wesley Community Services delivered nearly 250,000 hot and frozen nutritious meals, including physician-prescribed Senior Choice Meals™ for individuals with cardiac disease, kidney disease, and swallowing and chewing problems.

“We are excited about our March for Meals campaign. We hope to raise awareness of senior hunger in our community,” said Stephen Smookler, Executive Director of Wesley Community Services.

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Wesley Community Services fosters and supports seniors seeking to remain in their home for as long as possible through the provision of essential home-based services including Home Cleaning Services, Meals-On-Wheels, Medical and Worksite Transportation, and a Pet Portions Program (free pet food for client pets) to over 2,300 seniors and individuals with disabilities in 2008. Wesley Community Services is funded by the Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio and is a United Way partner agency. For more information about Wesley Community Services call 513/661-2777, or visit www.wesleycs.org.

March for Meals is a national campaign, initiated and sponsored by Meals On Wheels Association of America (MOWAA), to raise awareness of senior hunger and to encourage action on the part of the local community.