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Wesley Community Services to hold Fifth Annual Mayor's For Meals Campaign
Program encourages Cincinnati to help end senior hunger by 2020

Cincinnati, Ohio – Wesley Community Services announced today that it will be participating in the national 2010 Mayor's For Meals campaign from March 22nd through March 26th. Wesley Community Services has participated in this national event since its inception in 2006. Nearly 25 local elected officials have participated. This year, participants include: State Representative Denise Driehaus, Congressman Steven L. Driehaus, State Representative Connie Pillich, Congresswoman Jean Schmidt, City of Forest Park Mayor Charles Johnson, City of Cheviot Mayor Samuel D. Keller, Village of Lincoln Heights Mayor Laverne Mitchell, Village of Elmwood Place Mayor Stephanie Morgan, Village of Greenhills Mayor Fred Murrell, Delhi Township Administrator Gary Schroeder, City of St. Bernard Vice Mayor Curtis Walden, and City of Norwood Mayor Thomas Williams 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 2009, Wesley Community Services delivered nearly 250,000 nutritious meals, including physician-prescribed Senior Choice Meals™ for individuals with cardiac disease, kidney disease, high blood pressure and swallowing and chewing problems.

“We are excited about our Mayor's For Meals campaign. Our goal is to recruit as many people as we can in Cincinnati to join us by taking the Pledge to end senior hunger in America by 2020,” said Stephen Smookler, Executive Director, Wesley Community Services.

Mayor's 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. Senior nutrition programs across the United States, like Wesley Community Services, promote Mayor's For Meals in their local communities through public events, partnerships with local businesses, volunteer recruitment and fundraising initiatives.

A major aspect of the 2010 Mayor's For Meals campaign is for Americans to team up with their local Meals-On-Wheels program and take the Pledge to end senior hunger in America by 2020. This national movement comes at a good time, as recent MOWAA research studies have revealed that the problem of senior hunger in America is indeed growing worse. Currently, one in nine seniors is at risk of hunger in the United States.

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About Wesley Community Services: 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, Specialized Transportation, and a Pet Portions Program (free pet food for client pets) to over 2,300 seniors and individuals with disabilities. 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.