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Douglas County Senior Services Receives Grant for Meals on Wheels

(Douglas County, Ore.) The Douglas County Board of Commissioners are pleased to announce that the Douglas County Senior Services Department has received a grant for **\$6,535.66** to help support their Meals on Wheels program as a result of their participation in the 2019-2020 Subaru Share the Love® Event. Over the last 12 years, through the Share the Love Event, Subaru of America and its retailers have donated more than \$1.6 million to national charities and over 1,170 hometown charities. Oregon earned a total of \$32,678.32 through this year's event, and had 5 participating Meals on Wheels Members qualifying to receive funds.

"We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Subaru of Oregon and Subaru of America, for their continued generosity and support of the homebound seniors that we serve. The Meals On Wheels programs of Douglas County thank you!" commented Jeanne Wright, Senior Services Director, Douglas County.

The Meals on Wheels program provides 2.4 million homebound seniors with the nutrition and companionship they need to age without fear of hunger and isolation. For these vulnerable seniors, the Meals on Wheels volunteer's daily visit keeps them healthy, connected to their community and able to live independently in the place they love most: their home. Through Meals on Wheels, Share the Love has helped deliver nearly 2 million meals to America's seniors.

Douglas County Senior Services typically serves 71,000 hot meals a year to seniors via their Meals on Wheels program and senior dining sites in Glendale (Serving Glendale and Azalea), Riddle (Serving Riddle, Canyonville and Myrtle Creek), Winston (Serving Winston and Green), Glide (Serving Glide and Idleyld Park), Sutherlin (Serving Sutherlin and Oakland), Yoncalla (Serving Yoncalla and Drain) and Reedsport (Serving Winchester Bay, Reedsport, Gardner). This year however, with the increase in requests due to COVID-19 they expect to each 74,000 meals by the end of June. Volunteers for these programs log more than 18,600 hours of service a year. For more information about Meals on Wheels programs in Douglas County and how you become a volunteer, call Douglas County Senior Services at (541) 440-3677.

The Commissioners have long supported the Meals on Wheels program for seniors, as well as all the invaluable programs administered by our Senior Services Department. Together they work tirelessly to provide these essential services, and bring awareness to senior hunger, care and isolation issues in Douglas County.

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About Douglas County Senior Services Department

The purpose of the Douglas County Senior Services is to support and enhance a structure of social, protective and health services for seniors throughout the county. Douglas County Senior Services is one of seventeen Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) in Oregon and one of 600 located throughout the United States. This structure serves to provide an opportunity for continued independence, dignity and a higher quality of life for seniors, age 60 and over. The intent of Senior Services is to provide a comprehensive and coordinated plan of services, for older Oregonians, based on local community needs. Prioritizing the needs and strategies that best fit with our community and that also fit within the budgetary and resource realities of Douglas County.