

Wheels in Motion

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Mid-Columbia Meals on Wheels (509) 735-1911 1824 Fowler St, Richland WA 99352



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Each year as we finish our annual survey, I like to share some of the results with you, so here they are. As you can see we get a variety of comments, and we will review them carefully. Thank you to all of you who took the time to complete and submit your surveys. From our Senior Dining centers participants:



- Do the meals help you eat healthier and more balance meals? 98% yes
- Do the meals tasted good? 98% yes
- Do the meals look appetizing? 98% yes
- Do the meals help you remain in your own home? 89% yes
- Are the staff and volunteers polite and respectful? 99% yes
- Are the portions the right size? 89% yes. Of clients who said no, 1/2 said portions too large and 1/2 said too small.

From our Home Delivery participants:

- Does receiving meals help you to continue to live in your own home? 89% yes—6% no—5% unsure
- Do the meals help you eat healthier and more balanced meals? 94% yes—2% no—4% unsure
- Do the meals taste good? 97% yes—1% no—2% unsure
- Are the hot food hot and the cold food cold? 98% yes—2% unsure
- Do you feel more socially connected due to the driver visit each day? 91% yes—9% no
- Does having the meals delivered give you peace of mind? 98% yes—2% no
- In the last month, did you have to choose between buying food, utilities or medication? 17% yes

Favorite menu items: Least favorite menu items:

Meatloaf Pork (because it tends to be dry)

Fish **Spinach Fritatta**

Chicken Rice

Chicken breasts Roast Beef Chef salad Mac and Cheese

Pork roast Fish Items you'd like to see added to menu:

More salads Lasagna Prime rib with Lobster tails More fish Bread pudding with rum sauce Spaghetti

> Marcee Woffinden **Nutrition Services Director**

Kennewick Dining Center Birthday Cake

Julie Turner, a Kennewick dining client, has been donating money for the birthday cake for the Friday

Birthday Day all summer long. Thank you Julie!

In Case Of Inclement Weather:

Listen to local radio & tv stations to see if meals 🧩 are being served. Announcements will be made 🧩 on KEPR, KNDU, and KVEW. You may also call the main office at 735-1911 or check our Mid-Columbia Meals on Wheels page on Facebook.



October Closures

Monday, October 9th—All Staff training day, all sites closed.









Happy Birthday to Central Kitchen!

On Tuesday, September 12, we celebrated our Central Kitchen's One-Year Birthday with a party to thank the community supporters who made this building possible. We enjoyed a fun night filled with good food, good company, and many thanks. To top it off, our new flagpole was dedicated, so we're now able to proudly honor our country and our many veteran clients.

Thank you to everyone in the community who has supported the work of Meals on Wheels!

















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Thank you for your contributions to the Meals on Wheels program from June 16 to Sept 14

A big thank you to the donors who've supported our Meals on Wheels program.



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Volunteer Spotlight

Penni Richter, VolunteerCoordinator

Mitsue Jardine comes to us from Japan! Mitsue and her husband, Russell, have been in the Tri-Cities since 1972. Mitsue,



known as Sue, worked at the Mission Gospel Homeless Shelter for about 6 years. She was getting ready to retire and stay home and her husband said, "No, you are coming over here to help Meals on Wheels!!" (Thank you Russell!)

Sue has been a great help to Meals on Wheels for the past 8 years. She works at the Kennewick site as a kitchen helper and has just recently added Central Packaging onto her volunteering resume! Sue loves keeping active and MOW gives her a chance to be busy and help people.

Sue has two sons, one who lives in the Tri-Cities and the other in California. When Sue is not in one of our kitchens, she enjoys knitting and crocheting as a hobby and gives away her beautiful craft to others. Oh, and don't forget that activity thing . . . you will find her VERY early in the morning, dancing away at Jazzercise three days a week!

Sue is a delightful lady, always with a smile and quite a few funny stories to share!!

Arigato Sue!



Penni

Welcome New Volunteers!

Thank You for Your Service!

Café: Kelly Olson

Connell: Ruth & Cliff Perkins **Pasco**: Evelin & Jim Choate,

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Stand on One Foot



You can do this exercise while waiting for the bus or standing in line at the grocery. For an added challenge, you can modify the exercise to improve your balance.

- 1. Stand on one foot behind a sturdy chair, holding on for balance.
- 2. Hold position for up to 10 seconds.
- 3. Repeat 10-15 times.
- 4. Repeat 10-15 times with other leg.
- 5. Repeat 10-15 more times with each leg.

Get Ready to Fight

Cyndi Balk, Registered Dietitian

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over, and this also means cold and flu season is quickly approaching. Are you ready? This season don't let the flu get you. Try these simple tips to keep those nasty flu/cold bugs away. There is nothing out there that can completely stop you from catching the flu/cold, but there are definitely ways to boost your immune system to give your body the best fighting chance.

A good vitamin C regimen can help boost your immune system. Taking 1,000 milligrams a day helps make symptoms more mild and even shorten the length of time it stays in your system.

Another way to boost your immune system is to increase intake of fruits and vegetables that are rich in antioxidants, beta-carotene and Vitamin C. Some fruits and vegetables that have these powerful nutrients are broccoli, pumpkins, citrus fruit, spinach, and sweet potatoes. Amy Cartwright, MS, RD, LDN, who is in private practice in Conyngham, Pa. says, "To fight off infections, you should increase your intake of zinc, which is found in fish, oysters, poultry, eggs, milk, unprocessed grains, and cereals."

Our diet should also contain bacteria in healthy amounts. Debora A. Robinett, MA, RD, CD, owner and president of

Health Enhancement Corporation in Tacoma, Washington states, "Including adequate amounts of probiotics or friendly flora is valuable in resorting levels of these healthy bacteria in our body to protect us from other infections. Typically fermented dairy products such as kefir, yogurt—and sauerkraut—provide live cultures but also contain calories, sugar or salt. I generally recommend taking a probiotic as a dietary supplement, especially during the winter months and always after antibiotic use."

Again, there is no magic pill or food that will keep you from getting the cold or flu, and no proof that products out there claiming they have the magic cure work. The best way to fight cold and flu season is to keep your immune system healthy. So this season let's give our bodies a fighting chance by making our immune systems strong.

Cyndi

Meals on Wheels strives to provide practical information to help you make healthy lifestyle choices. If you have any questions about your diet, please feel free to call our dietitian, Cyndi Balk, at (509)735-1911 or email chalk@seniorliferesources.org.