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INSIGHT: Northwest Indiana Chefs are cooking up a feast for Meals on Wheels



Here are some of the American Culinary Federation of Chefs who will be preparing a gourmet feast for the 10th annual Meals on Wheels gala from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 27 at Avalon Manor in Hobart.

For the 10th year the Chefs of Northwest Indiana are donating their time, talent and treasures (that food they cook doesn't come cheap) to raise funds for Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana. MOW has served our community for more than 33 years, delivering nutritious meals to those in need with the support of community volunteers.

Join Meals on Wheels and community leaders at the 10th annual gala from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 27 at Avalon Manor, 3550 E. U.S. 30, Hobart.

Every day, people just like you, deliver nearly 1,600 hot nutritious meals to our family, neighbors and friends. The Meals on Wheels program allows people to maintain their independence and dignity, but can not continue without the support of our great community.

When you attend the gala, it benefits those who need a meal and live alone, your support keeps our neighborhoods healthy, safe and secure. The community volunteer hours touch lives and create giving and caring communities. Every one of us are the strength of the Meals on Wheels' program in Northwest Indiana.

Because of your support. . .someone in Northwest Indiana will not go hungry.

The 2011 Dine with the Chefs Steering Committee is working hard to make this the best gala ever: **Bob Anadell, Jessica Amos, Margo Babineaux, Kathleen Berda, Suzy Birdsall, Margot Clark, Patricia Cohen, Susan Finke, Chef Jim Galligan, Pat Giannini, Tula Gogolak, Mary Anne Greiner, Mary Anne LaHayne, Jennifer McDermott, Shar Miller, Melissa Neff, Sandra Noe, Lori Pittman, Phil Potempa, Chef David Siano, Mike Suggs and Don Smith.**

The Meals on Wheels Board of Directors gives countless hours of time to help the needy of our community all year long: President **James V. Donovan**, Immediate Past President **Thomas J. Ogren**, President-elect **Sharron D. Hillman**, Treasurer **Verne Seehausen**, Secretary **Kathleen L. Berda, Jessica A. Amos, Kara Eaton, GERALYN Farley, Andrew S. Kyles, Shar L. Miller, Shawn Michael Pettit, Brian P. Popp, Frank A. Venhuizen, Eugene Wease and Keith Wolak.**

Tickets are \$100 and corporate sponsorships are available.

For tickets or information on donating a silent auction item or sponsoring a table, contact Gogolak, director of Community Relations and Development, at (219) 756-3663 or tula@MealsOnWheelsNWIndiana.org.

If that \$100 ticket is out of your reach, but you want to help, please remember MOW always needs volunteer drivers and all that takes is a car and your time.