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We get by with a Lot of Help from our Friends



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ABOUT THE COVER: April is Volunteer Appreciation Month. We are proud to have 1000+ volunteers serving and making a difference for seniors. They are the heartbeat of our organization.

A Word From Chief Executive Officer

You probably have heard the Beatles song "With a Little Help from My Friends" written in 1967 by John Lennon and Paul McCartney and sung by Ringo Starr. At MACOA, we definitely get by with a LOT of HELP from our friends. Our friends are the dedicated Meals on Wheels and RSVP (Retired Seniors and Volunteer Program) volunteers. We could not provide our services without their help.



Donna Marietta

Since 1972, the Meals On Wheels volunteers have worked countless hours to deliver the meals to thousands of homebound seniors. They also deliver a safety check, a smile and a conversation that serves as a lifeline to seniors. They provide the support and peace of mind that enables the seniors to remain safely and securely in their own homes as they continue to age.

The RSVP volunteers are serving in five counties and are working in a variety of roles in non-profits and governmental agencies. The MACOA RSVP staff empower individuals over the age of 55 to serve their communities through volunteer opportunities they are passionate about. As a RSVP volunteer you can use the skills and talents you've learned over the years, or develop new ones while serving in your community.

In our planning for next year, MACOA will be providing more services for our local seniors. There are so many reasons to help the elderly in our community. You can help by deciding to volunteer or by sending a donation so we can continue to serve our local seniors. Please go to our website www.macoa.org to learn more and how you can help.

A Word From MACOA Board Chair



Jason Gardner

Greetings to you, on behalf of the MACOA Board of Directors. As I look back on a year filled with uncertainty, I am certain we have a great team of employees, volunteers and donors. This has been a very busy year but a year full of successes for MACOA.

I am proud to report, because of your hard work, we have been able to start a new route to help [#EliminateTheWait](#). Thank you to Dottie Blair, Senior Pledge Committee Chair, for coming up with such a great slogan and for leading our Senior Pledge Campaign this year. With your leadership and a great team with which you surrounded yourself, we will have had one of the best Senior Pledge Campaigns in the history of MACOA. We also held a very successful Culinary Caper event and Golf Tournament since I wrote you last. To all who participated in the planning of those events, and to all of our donors, I extend my sincerest gratitude.

I would like to say a great BIG "Thank you!" to our entire staff and our board of directors for allowing me to serve alongside each of you. This board is one of the hardest-working boards on which I have had the pleasure of serving, and your efforts have proven to be incredibly fruitful in serving the senior citizens of our community.

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National Volunteer Week 2021



National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to recognize the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers. They are the force that transforms the world. This year, MACOA recognized all of our volunteers during a Volunteer Drive-Thru Celebration. Board Members and Staff paraded through the parking lot recognizing and thanking volunteers who lend their time, talent and voice to make a difference at MACOA. Each day during National Volunteer Week, volunteers received a “sweet treat”.

Hyundai Helps MACOA’s Mission Roll On!



Thank you **Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama** for sponsoring the “Hyundai” Meals on Wheels Route and your continued support!

Greetings from the Chief Operations Officer



David joined the MACOA team as Chief Operations Officer in May of 2021. He earned a degree in International Business/Foreign Language as well as a degree in Secondary Education from Auburn University. David taught and coached for eighteen years in Atlanta before moving into administration at The Lovett School and then at Trinity in Montgomery in 2006. After thirty-two years in education, he served as Area Director of the River Region and Lee County for the Alabama Baptist Children’s Homes and also served at Hope Inspired Ministries in Lowndes County.

David and his wife, Nicole, have been married since 1993 and have two sons, Jack (21) and Jake (18). The Yohns are active members of Heritage Baptist Church, where Nicole serves as the Administrative Assistant to the Senior Pastor.

Serving Seniors since 1972!

The Montgomery Area Council on Aging assists senior citizens by providing services to promote independent living, by offering opportunities to enhance quality of life, and by increasing community awareness of Senior issues.

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Meals on Wheels Client

Meet Phillip Reeves!



At 72 years young, Phillip Reeves is a vibrant people person! He is a native of Montgomery and has received Meals on Wheels since February of 2021. Mr. Reeves, who is deaf, uses interpretive services to communicate with the MACOA staff over the phone. He regularly calls the MACOA office to ask questions and always begins his calls by telling staff members, “Your meals are good!” Mr. Reeves likes watching football and baseball games, taking walks in his neighborhood, and having dinner with his brother, Otis. He also enjoys attending church services every Wednesday and Sunday where a sign language interpreter is on-hand to relay the sermon to him. Mr. Reeves enjoys receiving his meals every weekday and says the best part about receiving meals is when he gets to communicate with Meals on Wheels drivers using sign language! He says seeing the drivers sign to him makes him feel a true connection to them and he is so grateful when they take the time to speak with him.

Fun fact: Mr. Reeves worked for Goodwill for over 10 years and was responsible for organizing donations for the Goodwill retail store!

Meet Betty and Waldo Spencer!

Meals on Wheels Volunteer

Betty and Waldo Spencer have been Montgomery Area Council on Aging (MACOA) Meals on Wheels volunteers since 1998. Alabama transplants, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer have 2 children and 2 grandchildren. A representative from MACOA came to speak at their church. Being touched by what the representative said, Betty and Waldo felt led to volunteer and become a partner with MACOA and Meals on Wheels.

Betty and Waldo feel a great need to be of service to someone. Over the number of years they have driven, they have seen clients enter the program and have had their hearts broken when a client passes away. “You get to know the clients, their history, their families”, said Mrs. Spencer. Both Betty and Waldo enjoy visiting with the Meals on Wheels clients when they deliver and it is comforting to know they are a safety check for not only the client but for MACOA. “The clients always gives us a smile before we leave” said Betty.



The Spencers have made volunteering with Meals on Wheels a family effort. They have encouraged their children and grandchildren to volunteer. In fact, their daughter is a Meals on Wheels driver! And Betty and Waldo never miss an opportunity to take a grandchild with them on a delivery. The Meals on Wheels clients love seeing the youth! If you would like to volunteer with MACOA, please visit macoa.org/volunteer.

Announcing the “Northern Route” MACOA’s 35th Meals on Wheels Route



Montgomery Area Council on Aging (MACOA) announces the addition of a new Meals on Wheels route! MACOA’s 35th Meals on Wheels route, “**The Northern Route**”, began serving meals to 12 seniors in North Montgomery on June 1, 2021. These 12 seniors, one of which has been on MACOA’s hot meal waiting list for nearly 4 years, will now receive a hot, nutritious meal every weekday! As a result of the new route, MACOA gained new volunteer drivers including a new Corporate Route Partner, Harmon Dennis Bradshaw, Inc. Through the Central Alabama Community Foundation’s Community Trust Grant, the food costs for these 12 clients will be covered for the first year of service. An opening celebration was held on Tuesday, June 1. Bobby Trott (pictured above with Traci Herndon, MACOA Volunteer Coordinator) of **Harmon Dennis Bradshaw Inc.**, represented his company and was the first person to deliver meals to the well deserving seniors. Special guests that attended the celebration were City Councillor Audrey Graham and MACOA board members Jason Gardner and Andrea McCain.

\$100,000

**Record Breaking
Culinary Caper Event!**

The 27th Annual
Culinary Caper
Supporting MACOA

ONLINE AUCTION
& RAFFLE

APRIL 23-25,
2021



MACOA’s 27th Annual Culinary Caper Online Auction and Raffle was an overwhelming success! Without an in-person event we were still able to raise crucial funds to support MACOA and the Meals on Wheels Program! The 2021 event consisted of an Online Auction featuring over 170 unique items and experiences along with a raffle with the grand prize of \$1,000 worth of gift cards to local restaurants! Thank you to all who participated in the online auction and raffle and those who donated items and experiences! Overall the Culinary Caper Event raised over \$100,000! **This marks MACOA’s most successful Culinary Caper yet!** This is incredible news for all involved and it proves the community’s investment in our mission to serve homebound seniors! Thank you for your commitment and confidence in MACOA and the services provided here.

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MACOA's 20th Annual *Swinging Fore Seniors* Golf Classic



Donna Marietta (L), MACOA Chief Executive Officer, and the Frazer Team (R)



The Gray Television Team



The Auburn University at Montgomery Team



Amy Dennis (L), MACOA Development Coordinator, and Miles Barnhardt (R) with Aldersgate UMC Church Team

Over 100 supporters gathered on the Green at Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail in Prattville, AL to participate in the 20th Annual **Swinging Fore Seniors Golf Classic** on Wednesday, May 19, 2021! UBS Financial Services (Longleaf Wealth Management Group) once again served as the Title Sponsor of the tournament with a generous contribution of \$10,000. With the support of UBS, event sponsors, team and hole sponsors, and other generous donors, the Committee is pleased to share that **over \$45,000** was raised through this amazing event!

This tournament had a record number of **teams, sponsors and contributions** to support MACOA and the Meals on Wheels Program! The Retirement Systems of Alabama (RSA), Dr. David G. Bronner, Vision Insurance Group, LLC, Prize Sponsor Jack Ingram Motors, Inc., Lunch Sponsor Auburn University Montgomery, Hat and Prize Sponsor Adams Drugs, and Event Sponsors Gray Television, Maynard Cooper & Gale, J Hunter Flack Foundation, and the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail Foundation each played an essential role as sponsors for this charity benefit. Twenty-seven teams participated in the tournament, which included the following team sponsors: Aldersgate UMC, BBVA, Carr Riggs & Ingram, Crosby Electric, Dixie Electric Cooperative, Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood, Inc., Phelps Reid – Davis & Copeland Realtors, Renasant Bank, Strategas Securities, LLC, and Viva Health, Inc. There were also generous hole sponsors from throughout the River Region.

After a day of golfing on the beautiful **Legislator Course**, golfers and volunteers gathered on the veranda for a delicious meal and enjoyed the gorgeous afternoon and fellowship! Following lunch, the team and individual prizes were announced! This year we had spectacular prizes, making the event all the more exciting! The prizes included desired packages of three days and two-night stays at resorts throughout the state of Alabama from the Retirement Systems of Alabama (RSA) and Dr. David G. Bronner, luxury golf memorabilia provided by Jack Ingram Motors, Inc., and golf balls donated by Adams Drugs. The tournament concluded with an awards ceremony spotlighting the following winners: **First Place Team (Gross)** – Frazer Team; **Second Place Team** – BBVA. **First Place Team (Net)** – Gray Television; **Second Place Team** – Viva Health, Inc. The **Closest to the Pin award on Hole #6** went to Miles Barnhardt and **Closest to the Pin on Hole #11** went to Justin Towell. The **Putting Contest** winner was awarded to Bob Froese, **Longest Putt on Hole #18** went to Tim Tucker, and **Longest Drive on Hole #5** went to Tom James.

The **Golf Tournament Committee** included Gerald Boone and Pete Knight (Committee Co-Chairs), Bob Froese, Jason Gardner, Paul Scott, Willis Teel, Mike Vinson and MACOA staff members Donna Marietta, Amy Dennis, and Hazel Waites. All players received a MACOA hat donated by Adams Drugs and were entered in a drawing to receive an array of door prizes.

Thank you to each of the sponsors, players, door prize contributors, volunteers, Board and staff members, RTJ staff, and supporters for making the tournament a success all to ensure **MACOA continues providing vital services** to seniors through the Meals on Wheels Program.

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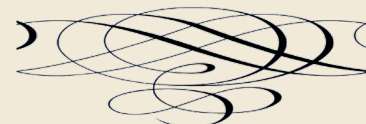
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