



Lowcountry Senior Network

An Organization of Senior Service Providers

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What: LSN check presentation to Charleston Area Meals on Wheels (\$13,000)
Where: Charleston Area Senior Citizens Center, 259 Meeting Street, Charleston, SC
When: Monday, February 24th at 11 a.m.

Lowcountry Senior Network Donates \$13,000 to Meals on Wheels of Charleston

February 24, 2020, The Lowcountry Senior Network (LSN) hosted their 4th Annual Holiday Harvest Gala to raise funds to support the Charleston Area Meals on Wheels program. The event held on December 5th, 2019 at the Cooper River Room at Mt. Pleasant's Memorial Waterfront Park. The Holiday Harvest Gala raised \$13,000 to benefit the organization and help fill the void in their waiting list.

This fundraising event was conceived by members of LSN – the Lowcountry's premier networking organization committed to providing quality services to seniors, caregivers, and adult children – as a response to the staggering number of individuals in the area that are on wait lists to receive Meals on Wheels services due to lack of funds. Over the past four years the LSN has raised and donated over \$56,000 to Meals on Wheels of Charleston.

Meals on Wheels of Charleston, a Charleston Area Senior Citizens (CASC) program, not only provides a nutritious meal, but also a friendly visit and a safety check to help keep seniors living independently in their own homes from the Cooper River to the Edisto River. The money raised by the LSN and our community allows the program to reach hundreds more seniors who are currently waiting to receive meals. CASC currently has a waiting list of 125 people.

Event tickets were intentionally priced at \$55, which allows one couple (\$110) to feed a Meals on Wheels client for an entire month. The event featured live music from Not So Serious, open bar, a raffle ticket to enter to win from an assortment of custom gift baskets, silent auction items, and the breathtaking views of the Cooper River Bridge from the venue. Since the heart of this fundraiser is centered around feeding people, LSN once again teamed up with the outstanding culinary team from Franke at Seaside to provide an unforgettable menu for our guests. They featured the crowd favorite Aged Cheddar Mac and Cheese Bar stocked with pulled pork, andouille sausage, butter poached lobster, roasted chicken, slab bacon, tomatoes, green onions, local mushrooms, and caramelized onions.

Lowcountry Senior Network was honored to collaborate with the following event sponsors: All About Seniors, Care for Life, MUSC Center on Aging, Franke at Seaside, BrightStar Home Care, Stephen Martindale with Mutual of Omaha, Mount Pleasant Gardens Alzheimer's Special Care Center, Sandpiper Premier Senior Living, HouseCalls-MD, Daniel Pointe Retirement Community, Pruitt Healthcare of Moncks Corner, Always Best Care, Ashley Gardens Assisted Living and Memory Care, Home Care Assistance, Palmetto Lowcountry Behavioral Health, Overture Daniel Island, Winyah Pharmacy, and Lowcountry Companions.

For more information on Meals on Wheels of Charleston visit their website at <https://charlestonareaseniors.org/meals-on-wheels>. Please support the growing senior needs in our community by attending the upcoming Shuckin' for Seniors next Saturday, February 22nd at Tradesman Brewing Co.