



MEDIA ALERT

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CRT's 16th Meals on Wheels Golf Classic will be Sept. 12 at Keney Park Golf Course *Golfers take to the links to raise funds for Connecticut's foremost elderly nutrition program*

HARTFORD — Community Renewal Team's 16th annual Golf Classic to benefit the elderly nutrition program Meals on Wheels will be held Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at Keney Park Golf Course.

"Support of this golf tournament helps thousands of seniors throughout Central Connecticut," said Gus Keach-Longo, Vice President Senior Services at CRT. "For the past 16 years, the CRT Golf Classic has funded much-needed vehicles for our Meals on Wheels program."

WHAT: Approximately 150 golfers participating in the 16th Annual CRT Golf Classic to benefit Meals on Wheels. Funds will go directly to Meals on Wheels, which relies heavily on donations.

WHERE: Keney Park Golf Course
171 Windsor Ave, Windsor, CT 06095

WHEN: **Tuesday, September 12, 2017, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., with banquet to follow [Best time for media is 10 – 11 a.m. or after 4 p.m.]**

This year's event includes a hole-in-one contest where the winner will receive a new car from Gallagher Buick GMC.

Top sponsors for the tournament this year include: Southeast Agency; All Waste; Mezger, Lazrek and Plumba LLC; Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield; MBH Architecture, LLC; and Wells Fargo Advisors. Additional sponsorship opportunities for this year's tournament are still available.

"Meals on Wheels supports the independence and well-being of homebound elders by providing as many as 14 meals per person per week*. This service enables many seniors to remain in their own homes because they receive foods that meet their nutrition needs—many of whom have special diets," said Keach-Longo. "In addition to the meals, many of our seniors are alone most of the day and our team members often are the only individuals with whom our seniors interact on a regular

basis. Sometimes the most important part of Meals on Wheels is when our seniors look forward to their daily five-minute visit from our drivers.”

Last year, CRT’s Elderly Nutrition Program delivered more than 118,000 Meals on Wheels to home-bound seniors and over 170,000 congregate meals in 21 custom nutrition vehicles. These specialized trucks are refrigerated, and can keep meals hot using gas burners, too.

Last year’s tournament raised more than \$70,000 for Meals on Wheels, which is almost enough money to fully purchase a new delivery truck. This year’s tournament aims to exceed last year’s total donations.

More information about this year’s Golf Classic is available at: <http://www.crtct.org/en/events/meals-on-wheels-golf-classic-2017>

**Meals on Wheels recipients are asked to pay a suggested \$2.50 donation per meal but no one is refused if unable to pay.*

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