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WARREN COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES JOINS MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAMS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY IN 15TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR MEALS CELEBRATION

SUPPORT WILL HELP TO FIGHT SENIOR ISOLATION AND HUNGER IN WARREN AND BUTLER COUNTIES

Lebanon, Ohio March 1, 2017 – Warren County Community Services (WCCS) announced today that it will be participating in the 15th annual March for Meals – a month-long, nationwide celebration of Meal on Wheels and the homebound and vulnerable seniors who rely on its vital safety net. WCCS March for Meals celebration will include shopping at Talbots in Oakwood on March 9th and assisting with the deliver meals March 20th through March 24th.

“The services that we provide the seniors of Warren and Butler Counties are critical and the need is rapidly increasing,” said Amy Houpey, Food Service Director, of WCCS. “Together, we can keep seniors living independently, healthier at home and feeling more connected to their community as they age.”

Since 2002, Meals on Wheels America has led the annual awareness campaign in an effort to fill the gap between the seniors served and those in need that is widening due to increased demand with a rapidly aging population combined with declining public and private resources, and rising food, transportation and operational costs. This March, hundreds of local Meals on Wheels programs, like WCCS will reach out to their communities to build the support that will enable them to deliver nutritious meals, friendly visits and safety checks to America's seniors all year long.

“March is a time for us all to rally around Meals on Wheels,” said Ellie Hollander, President and CEO of Meals on Wheels America. “Our ability to meet the needs of vulnerable seniors lies in the willingness and generosity of businesses, government and concerned individuals of all ages to contribute in their own way. It not only makes economic sense to enable seniors to stay healthy and safe at home, but it improves the health and vibrancy of our communities and our nation at large.”

For more information on how you can volunteer, contribute or speak out for the seniors in Warren and Butler Counties and across the country, visit www.marchformeals.com.

About Warren County Community Services:

For more than 50 years, WCCS has served as the community's primary link for social services in Warren County. WCCS operates a wide range of programs and services that:

- Allow seniors and families to obtain and maintain long-term housing.
- Assist families and individuals with emergency needs, employment, and rising energy costs.
- Help older adults to remain active and independent.
- Prepare children to succeed in school.

About Meals on Wheels America

Meals on Wheels America is the oldest and largest national organization supporting the more than 5,000 community-based senior nutrition programs across the country that are dedicated to addressing senior hunger and isolation. This network exists in virtually every community in America and, along with more than two million volunteers, delivers the nutritious meals, friendly visits and safety checks that enable America's seniors to live nourished lives with independence and dignity. By providing funding, leadership, research, education and advocacy support, Meals on Wheels America empowers its local member programs to strengthen their communities, one senior at a time. For more information, or to find a Meals on Wheels provider near you, visit www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org.