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Jonesboro Chick-fil-A Dwarf House Host Meals On Wheels Spirit Day on Friday, March 20th

Jonesboro, GA – Clayton County Senior Services Meals On Wheels (MOW) and Jonesboro Chick-fil-A Dwarf House will partner on Friday, March 20, 2015, as part of the national March For Meals month long awareness campaign that focuses on the issues of senior hunger and isolation in America. The Dwarf House is located at 7348 Tara Boulevard, Jonesboro, GA.

Everyone that visits the Tara Boulevard location throughout MOW Spirit Day and mention Meals On Wheels will be helping to feed a homebound senior in Clayton as a percentage of proceeds for the day will be donated to the MOW Program. In 2014 the county's Meals On Wheels program provided 2648 nutritious meals per month and 31,780 meals per year to seniors and is looking to serve even more in 2015.

The number of seniors in the United States and in Clayton County will increase dramatically with the growing influx of "Baby Boomers" in coming years. Meals on Wheels is a proven public-private partnership that effectively addresses the old and new challenges of aging by promoting healthy eating habits and improving quality of life for our nation's most vulnerable population. According to Meals On Wheels of America the cost of one year for a senior to receive a home delivered meal is less than one day in a hospital. It is through community partnership initiatives such as Spirit Day with the Jonesboro Dwarf House that will assist in providing nutritious meals to seniors and help with combating senior hunger, senior health issues related with poor nutrition, as well as senior isolation in Clayton County.

To officially launch the 2015 March For Meals campaign in the county a proclamation was presented by Chairman Turner during the Board of Commissioners March 3rd Business Meeting declaring the month "March For Meals Month" in Clayton County. Included in the proclamation was an acknowledgement regarding the important roles that Meals On Wheels volunteers and community advocates play in the success of the program as it continues to work to ensure *no senior goes hungry* in Clayton County. The Friday, March 20th Meals On Wheels Spirit Day at Jonesboro Chick-fil-A Dwarf House will serve as the final event for Community Champions' Week (March 16-20) in which County Commissioners, County employees, local mayors and community advocates have volunteered to deliver meals to homebound seniors. To wrap up the month long awareness campaign the week of March 23 – 27 has been designated as Senior Services Week and personnel throughout the Senior Services Department will have an opportunity to deliver meals to homebound seniors in Clayton County.

Log on to claytoncountyga.gov. or contact Clayton County Senior Services at 770-603-4050 for more information on Spirit Day and the Meals On Wheels program. **M4M**