



Greene County Department for the Aging & ‘Mayors for Meals’ Day

Greene County Department for the Aging is proud to be taking part in “March for Meals”, an annual campaign designed to raise awareness of senior hunger and to encourage action at the local level. Senior Nutrition Programs across the United States promote March for Meals in their communities through public events, partnerships with local businesses, volunteer recruitment efforts and fundraising initiatives.

This year, March for Meals celebrates the 40th Anniversary of the inclusion of Senior Nutrition Programs in the Older Americans Act (OAA). In March of 1972, President Nixon signed into law a new Title of the Act that laid the groundwork for more than 5,000 Senior Nutrition Programs. The OAA is the primary piece of federal legislation that authorizes and supports vital nutrition services, both congregate and Meals on Wheels, to Americans age 60 and older.

“Mayors for Meals” is a component of March for Meals that utilizes the involvement of local elected officials to raise awareness about senior hunger. These individuals assist in the serving or delivering of meals on one day in March to show their support of their local Senior Nutrition Program. The official date for the 2012 March for Meals is Wednesday, March 21st. This event is intended to generate public awareness, recruit new volunteers and increase local fundraising for Greene County’s nutrition program.

Mayors, Supervisors and Greene County legislators have been invited to come participate in this event by either helping to serve our congregate meals or deliver a meal route from the Acra, Athens, Catskill, Coxsackie and Jewett Senior Centers. For more information, please feel free to contact Danielle Kane at Greene County Department for the Aging at (518) 719-3555.