



**MEALS ON WHEELS OF RHODE ISLAND APPOINTS
CCA RHODE ISLAND'S COREY MCCARTY AS CHAIR,
NAMES THREE NEW BOARD MEMBERS AT ANNUAL MEETING**

Ahead of its 20-millionth home-delivered meal milestone, organization announces strategic direction through 2025

EAST PROVIDENCE, RI - At its annual meeting on June 22, Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island (MOWRI) announced its new board chair and three new board members who will help guide the 53-year-old nonprofit organization through a new strategic plan focused on sustainably growing its existing programs and piloting innovative strategies to meet service demands related to an evolving senior population.

Corey McCarty, general manager, [Commonwealth Care Alliance](#)[®] Rhode Island, will serve a two-year term as board chair. He has been a MOWRI board member since 2018, serving as treasurer for the past two years.

"Corey's commitment to our mission and support of our efforts to meet the increased need for our program have been an integral part of our success in reaching 10-percent service growth," said **Executive Director Meghan Grady**. "His expertise in community health care, as well as fiscal management, and passion for work in combating food insecurity and assuring stable housing for all Rhode Islanders will prove invaluable as we grow from our core to better serve this current and future generations of Rhode Island older adults."

"Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island is well-positioned for long-term success, and I am honored to have the opportunity to help lead that effort," McCarty said. "As we implement our strategic plan, we will call upon the talents and commitment of our entire board, team, and volunteers to continue to modernize our approach on initiatives that help seniors age in place."

Joining the board of directors this year are **Ted Fischer**, founder & CEO, Ageless Innovation, **Phanida Phivilay**, senior provider relations advocate, United Healthcare, and **Gregory Smolan**, vice president, AAA Northeast.

"As established collaborators and donors, Ted, Phanida, and Greg are already committed and connected to our mission, serving as program volunteers during the height of the pandemic and as committee members, lending us their incredible expertise," McCarty said. "Their unique skill sets, and experience will be invaluable as we execute the vision outlined in our strategic plan."



Outgoing board chair Kevin Millonzi, who will continue to serve as co-chair of the nominating committee, was lauded for his efforts in helping the organization to navigate challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic and for his leadership in increasing the organization's visibility and in strengthening its fundraising strategy.

In a presentation to donors and volunteers, Grady outlined the key goals of the **Meals on Wheels of RI 2025: Planning our next 20 Million Meals** strategic plan.

The plan will refocus the organization's work to sustain—and ideally grow—its Home-Delivered Meal and Congregate Meal programming to serve more older adults. It also creates the imperative for the organization to explore opportunities to innovate its More Than A Meal Model with a growth focus.

Over the next three years, the plan positions MOWRI to extend its reach and impact, invest in infrastructure to support intentional growth and expansion, further strengthen connections with the communities it serves, and further diversify and develop its board to increase impact capacity.

Grady also touted efforts to strengthen the organization's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, which this past year have included introduction of a Culturally Responsive Meal Program and formalized community outreach strategy.

"Meals on Wheels of RI has been a trusted partner in addressing food insecurity and social isolation amongst homebound seniors since 1969. Now, in 2022, our state's older adult population has changed and we must change along with them to meet their evolving needs," Grady said.

This week's annual meeting comes just weeks before Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island is set to mark an historic milestone. The organization expects to deliver its 20-millionth home-delivered meal in mid-July. Later this year, the full plan will be available for download on the organization's website at www.rimeals.org.

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