



## Thank you for Supporting Meals On Wheels This March for Meals!

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Meals campaign was a success! Thank you to everyone who helped raise awareness for the growing number of older adults facing hunger and isolation and the need for programs like Meals On Wheels in our community.

We'd like to give a special thanks to our community partners who shared videos on social media in support of March for Meals, including Akron Municipal Court, Mayor of Stow John Pribonic, Mayor of Orrville Dave Handwerk, Mayor of Canton Thomas Bernabei, Plain Township Trustee Brook Harless, and Western Reserve Hospital.

Thank you to all of the individuals, organizations, and businesses who have support Meals On Wheels of Northeast Ohio. We could not do this work without you. Together, we can work to ensure that no senior is left hungry and alone.

Learn More about March for Meals





### AmeriCorps Seniors Week was March 13-19!

During AmeriCorps Week, we recognize the millions of Americans who have chosen to serve their country through AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors, and encourage more Americans to follow in their footsteps in service.

#### This year's theme is 'Together, we are AmeriCorps'

Service brings people together and bridges divides, and that's what AmeriCorps members, volunteers, and programs do every day. Learn more and see some of our incredible <u>volunteers in action here</u>.



# Resilience and Rising to the Opportunity – Denise's Story

"I am someone who loves to serve and give back," said Denise. "From the lessons I gained at Vantage, I've found I have a knack for technology and know that part of my future will contain something to do with it. I'm not going to stop or give up my goals."

Denise is a participant in Vantage Aging's hands-on job training program for older adults and is the second participant to complete all certifications in the Digital Inclusion program, gaining basic and intermediate technology skills for her career goals. Although it hasn't always been easy, Denise is working towards her goals and continues to improve her career skills.

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Happy National Dietician's Day!



### National Dietician's Day – Celebrating Nora Logsdon

On Wednesday, March 9, 2022, dieticians everywhere are celebrated for their often anonymous work done behind the scenes.

In VANTAGE Aging's Meals on Wheels of Northeast Ohio kitchen, certified nutritionist Nora Logsdon is who our clients can count on to ensure that their meals are healthy and prepared with the utmost attention to detail. From ensuring each client's portions fit with recommended guidelines for nutrition to creating menus that play on variety with loads of different options, Nora plays an integral role into MOWNEO daily operations.





## World Social Work Day – Co-building a New Eco-Social World: Leaving No One Behind

Social work is an incredibly important and often misunderstood sector of society at large. Social workers the world over are integral in their contributions to their communities – nearly every sector of society has some semblance of social work involved within it, from hospitals to police, schools to nonprofits.

Here at VANTAGE Aging, we have two full-time staff member who bring their backgrounds as social workers into their work on the customer care team with Meals on Wheels of Northeast Ohio – Lorinda Zepernick and Jennifer Kanney-Beebe.

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# VIRTUAL EVENT SERIES CAREGIVER CONNECTIONS

May 10 2:00-3:30

### Don't Miss the Next Virtual Caregiver Connections Event!

Vantage Aging invites you to join us for the next virtual Caregiver Connections Event on May 10, 2022. Get resources to help make life a little easier for family caregivers and their loved ones.

Sponsorship opportunities are available - Help support family caregivers in the communities you serve. This is a great way to inform seniors and their caregivers of your services and resources. Learn more about becoming a partner by contacting <u>info@vantageaging.org</u>.



# **Senior Summit 2022** An Event Celebrating Older Adults

### Mark Your Calendars for Senior Summit 2022

The Senior Summit 2022 will take place May 13 and 14, 2022. Friday, May 13, is a professional conference at St George's Fellowship Center. Saturday, May 14 will be a public expo at Firestone CLC (High School).

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