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# North Minneapolis Meals on Wheels

## 2007 Annual Report



# Executive Director's Report

*The following report highlights North Minneapolis Meals on Wheel's major accomplishments during the year 2007.*

## **Statistics**

North Minneapolis Meals on Wheels delivered a total of 33,083 nutritious meals to seniors and disabled North Minneapolis home-bound residents. The organization served 231 residents of North Minneapolis in 2007. The majority of the North Minneapolis Meals on Wheels recipients live at or below poverty level, are frail due to poor health, and are isolated.

North Minneapolis Meals on Wheels serves meals to an ethnically diverse population, nearly 50 percent of all the residents we serve are American Indian/Alaskan, Asian, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, Black/African American, and Hispanic/Latino or are of multi-racial ethnicity. Approximately 70 percent of the 231 neighbors we serve are 60 years of age or older.

The non-senior program, those who are under 60 years of age, has grown consistently over the past 7 years increasing its significance. Our partnership with Hennepin County by way of their medical assistance program allows us to serve our neighbors under 60 years of age. Based on these internal trends and area demographics, the organization must continue to respond to the changing needs of the neighborhood and the constituents which it serves in order to remain an integral part of the health and success of the North Minneapolis community.

## **Accomplishments and Goals**

The primary focus this past year was in four areas.

- Recruitment of volunteers to the organization
  - Outreach into the community
  - Generate more revenue
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North Minneapolis Meals on Wheels has been fortunate to maintain a group of committed volunteers, who have remained active, supporting the organization for many years. In 2007, volunteers donated more than 3,537 hours of time to the organization valued at \$42,500 dollars of unpaid work in support of the mission. In 2007 we welcomed 39 new volunteers however; we also gave a fond farewell and thanks to 26 volunteers. An aggressive campaign was put in place to recruit new volunteers. Members of our board of directors and staff met with community groups, community news publications and radio outlets to let people know that becoming a volunteer helps the organization meet their mission. Some volunteers have also gained office experience as well as the satisfaction of knowing that they are helping their neighbors who are isolated, and nutritionally at risk to stay in their own homes. This past year we also welcomed a new partnership with the Employment Action Center. This partnership allowed three volunteers to donate over 400 volunteer hours to North Minneapolis Meals on Wheels in 2007.

North Minneapolis Meals on Wheels outreach into the community joined the information revolution when our web site [www.nmmow.org](http://www.nmmow.org) was launched in August, 2007. Those who would like to know more about us, volunteer or make donations can simply access our web site twenty four hours a day. We also formed partnerships with other nonprofits located in north Minneapolis in order to help us build stronger connections to the community we serve. The organization also added four new Directors to our Board.

We recommitted to our relationship with area churches and thanked them for their continued support of our mission. This has resulted in a 9% increase in financial support by area churches in 2007 and greater awareness of our work.

Individual gifts, grants and in-kind contributions increased 56% in 2007 for a total of \$7,541.58. The generosity of those who gave will help us keep our doors open to continue to serve the community in 2008. We wish to thank each person who gave your time, talent, financial support and prayers to North Minneapolis Meals on Wheels in 2007.

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## Closing

Private donations, client meal contributions, church group donations, along with Title III funds from the federal government make it fiscally possible for the organization to continue its mission. North Minneapolis Meals on Wheels takes pride in providing residents of North Minneapolis the option of remaining independent and staying in their own home. We do this by providing sustenance through meals, support, and friendship.

The organization is grateful to all volunteers, staff, members, and affiliates for their support and service to North Minneapolis Meals on Wheels this past year. Your service enables the Meals on Wheels mission to continue in your neighborhood, providing the community with affordable assistance for independent living.

Thank you for contributing to the success of the organization.

Sincerely,

Denise M. Harris  
Executive Director

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## Board of Directors

Wendell Olson, Finance Committee  
Gloria Voeltz, Vice President, Personnel Committee  
Barbe Burlingame, Board Chair, Personnel Committee & Sec.  
Mary Glover, Outreach Committee  
Bernard Glover, Outreach Committee  
Janice Phillips, Outreach Committee  
Kelsey True, Finance Committee, Vice President  
Michael Olabisi, Finance Committee  
Amanuel Fekade, Finance Committee  
Katherine Norman, Correspondence  
Lucille Olson, Policy Committee  
Laura Pugh, Outreach Committee, Sec., President  
Chanda Smith, Outreach Committee

## Members

Ascension Catholic Church  
Bethel Lutheran Church  
Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church  
Gethsemane Lutheran Church  
Jordan New Life  
Luther Memorial Church  
New Salem Baptist Church  
North United Methodist Church  
Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church  
Parkway United Church of Christ  
Redeemer Lutheran Church  
River of Life Lutheran Church  
St. Anne's Catholic Church  
St. Austin's Catholic Church  
St. Bridget's Catholic Church  
St. Olaf Lutheran Church  
St. Philips Catholic Church  
Victory Lutheran Church  
Wayman African Methodist Episcopal Church

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## Donations and Grants

*Memorials and Individual Gifts*

\$3,348.24

*Sharon Banks*

*Phyllis A Brooks*

*James O & Barbara Burlingame*

*Edna Downing*

*Amanuel Fekade*

*Bernard & Mary Glover*

*Janet & Steven Gunderson*

*Kyle Michael Hansen*

*Jonell T Hanson*

*John Harper*

*James & Jean Hartman*

*Denise Harris*

*Hawona Sullivan Janzen*

*Dennis Kuehn*

*Patricia Larkey*

*Ervin & Barbara Moser*

*Rebecca K Nessel*

*Katherine Norman*    *In memory of Owen Harris*

*Wendell & Lucille Olson*

*Patricia J Popple*

*Joyce Pugh*

*Laura Pugh*

*Jean Remes*

*Dale R Ross*

*Claire L Ryden*

*In memory of Richard Alvin, North Branch*

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*Laura K Schmitt*  
*Richard & Colleen Solem*  
*Alan B Swanson*  
*Susan Swanson & Tom Hysell*  
*Kelsey True*  
*Mark & Lynne True*  
*Virginia L Stringer*  
*Marqurite Williams*

*In-Kind Contributions* \$321.34  
*Denise Harris*  
*Michael Olabisi*

*Client Donations Title III* \$19,747.46  
*Bethel Lutheran Church* \$100.00  
*Victory Lutheran Church* \$100.00  
*North United Methodist Church* \$500.00  
*Parkway United Church of Christ* \$850.00  
*River of Life Lutheran Church Foundation* \$100.00  
*Wayman AME Church* \$272.00  
*Metro Meals on Wheel Grants* \$2,000.00

*TOTAL* \$27,339.04

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