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## **U.S. Assistant Secretary Kathy Greenlee and Secretary Gloria Lawlah of Maryland Commemorated as March for Meals Community Champions**

*National Leaders Help Wrap Up Most Successful March for Meals by Visiting Local Program*

**Alexandria, VA, April 1, 2014** – In celebration of the Meals On Wheels Association of America’s March for Meals campaign and National Nutrition Month, Kathy Greenlee, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary for Aging and Administrator of the Administration for Community Living, and Gloria Lawlah, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Aging and President of the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities, visited Meals on Wheels volunteers and clients at the Bain Center in Columbia, MD yesterday. The Bain Center offers an array of services and support for seniors in Howard County and serves as a home-delivery distribution site operated by Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland (MOWCM).

As part of their visit, Assistant Secretary Greenlee and Secretary Lawlah delivered a meal to a 92 year-old WWII veteran, and were also commemorated as National March for Meals Community Champions on the last day of the 12th annual celebration of Meals on Wheels programs.

“We are incredibly grateful for Assistant Secretary Greenlee and Secretary Lawlah’s leadership and commitment to providing proper nutrition for our seniors in greatest need,” said Meals On Wheels Association of America President and CEO, Ellie Hollander. “It was an honor to recognize them as National March for Meals Community Champions and to say thank you for their dedication to fighting senior hunger.”

“Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland is honored to have showcased our 54 year-old program to both Assistant Secretary Greenlee and Secretary Lawlah,” said Debbie Brown, Director, Marketing and Communications, MOWCM. “What an amazing opportunity to highlight how we are truly ‘more than meal’ to more than 1,200 homebound seniors in central Maryland.”

The visit yesterday underscored the power behind the Meals on Wheels model – a proven and effective public-private partnership that delivers a lifeline to more than 2.5 million seniors nationwide and nearly 40,000 Marylanders each year. It is an impressive demonstration of the impact of successful collaboration at the local, state and national levels, involving governments, businesses, communities, foundations and individuals.

Photos from the event can be found [here](#).

### **About Meals On Wheels Association of America**

*The Meals On Wheels Association of America is the only national organization and network dedicated solely to ending senior hunger in America. The Association is the oldest and largest organization composed of and representing local, community-based Senior Nutrition Programs in all 50 states and U.S. territories. More than 5,000 local Meals on Wheels Programs leverage a dedicated army of two million volunteers who day-in and day-out create an efficient and caring way to help America’s seniors stay independent, healthy and able to live in their own homes. For more information, or to locate a local Meals on Wheels program, visit [mowaa.org](http://mowaa.org).*