

Food for Thought

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We Now Take SNAP Benefits



We were approved by the Commonwealth as a SNAP Merchant (SNAP stands for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program previously known as food stamps). This means we will be able to take the Access Card for payment of home delivered meals. This will open up an entirely new segment of the population we are not serving now.

Simply speaking, it will *increase our life impacts and get meals to those who need them most.*

We are being trained on our Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) machine today. We will use paper vouchers because no one will swipe their EBT Card like they do in retail stores.



Payments must be signed for at each purchase either once a week or once a month. SNAP clients may be constrained to only once a month payments but that needs to be determined in the real world. This is a new venture for us and we are consulting with other MOW's in PA that take SNAP. As they say, "Details to follow..."

Welcome New Volunteers!

Welcome to our new volunteers who joined our team last month.

Bernice Russell — works for Lakeshore Community Services.

Derrick Barnes — is a client at Lakeshore and will be going out with Bernice.

Lila Sweeney — Lila is retired, her Mom received Meals On Wheels and would like to give back to the community.

Welcome everyone and thanks for volunteering!

Drivers: Let us **custom design** a driving map for you! Complete with turn-by-turn driving directions. Call us at 452-6930 for the details.

1128 State Street
Suite 317
Erie, PA 16501
(Citizens Bank building)

8AM to 4PM

p (814) 452.6930

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WANTED:
Volunteers
to answer phones
10AM to NOON

Why Lanyards?

You may know all your clients but someone else who answers the door may not...caregivers, health professionals, visitors, etc. Also, in buildings it's a good idea to have ID so those people who don't know you in the hallways are comforted by knowing you are there to serve their fellow residents.

A side benefit is helping new volunteers get to know your name whether you've been delivering for years, months or just days. Thank you for wearing your ID Lanyard every time you go out.



Dick Thieman



Recycling Program Begins at MEMOW

AT GECAC and St. Martin Center, you will see collection boxes for empty inkjet and laser printer cartridges, and retired personal electronics, including cell phone, MP3 players, GPS devices, and digital cameras.

We receive cash for qualifying items, of which there are hundreds. No accessories like chargers, though. This is 100% free to us to participate including the collection boxes.

The most successful participants, though, have Business Supporters—companies that recycle on our behalf. Statistics show we could earn 3x more! So, do you know a business that would place a floor stand or a table top collection box on our behalf? If so, let Terry know! Pick up by the Erie Funding Factory office is free so there is no work at all on the part of the Business! What could be easier?



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