Food For Thought!



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Executive Directors Corner - Elias Nimeh

Happy Summer! With the advent of warmer weather our Friday chilled Salad entree has returned.—a reminder that even in this season of Covid-19 we are still able to enjoy many of summer's pleasures. At MTC our summer is now our busiest season yet with a record 1.012 meals prepared for a single's day delivery!

As the current pandemic has reminded us, it is always good to be prepared. We are pleased to let you know that in order to increase our effective emergency response, the Area Agency on Aging has granted us one time funds in order to purchase an Emergency Generator for our Central Kitchen.



Our new generator will help us continue our services, without delays, during outages or other power emergencies. Preparations have begun and we expect the Emergency Generator will be operational by

July 1, 2020

Pictured left: Emergency Meal packets that were delivered to all of our homebound seniors in June. These dehydrated meals have a 25 year shelf life. Each meal is equivalent to 1/3 of the Daily Required Intake for an average person.

Staff Celebrations

Birthdays:

Janine Lloyd — Site Manager, Anderson SLO — July 11th

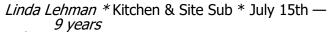


<u> Anniversaries:</u>

Kat Cater * Client Assessor * July 7th - 5 years



Sandy Ornelas * Site Manager, Nipomo * July 12th 10 years





Cathyann Paape * Client Admin Manager * July 24th 1 year

Thank you for your dedicated years of service to Meals That Connect!

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Volunteer News — Wendy Fertschneider, R. D.

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Our program, like everything in life, has adapted to COVID-19. Volunteers are delivering all meals to homes, including those who used to eat in our dining rooms. All meals are packed cold without heating them. According to our client survey, the vast majority of clients prefer to receive their meal cold. People can then heat the meal when they are ready and the meals don't have to be cooked at the site and kept hot for delivery

For food safety there are advantages and disadvantages to serving meals cold. Mostly advantages. Every time food passes through the danger zone (41-135 degrees F) while either heating or cooling, or is held in the danger zone, harmful bacteria can grow. By serving meals cold, we are eliminating at least one if not two trips through the danger zone.

A second advantage is that all the food packed for delivery is cold. This eliminates having to manage both hot and cold containers for packing and delivery.

The one disadvantage, from a food safety point of view, is that if the food is inadvertently contaminated, the bacteria are not killed off by the heating of the food at the site kitchens. Therefore it important that client heat their hot meals thoroughly.

What can you do as volunteers to protect the food? Take every precaution to keep all the food cold from the time you pick it up at the site until it is given to the client. Remind clients to put the food in the refrigerator unless they plan to heat and eat immediately. NEVER leave a meal at a door unless you speak to or see that the client is ready to take it

Don't forget to write the temperature of your last meal on the route sheet. It should be below 41

Consider Helping Support MTC during this season of change by donating

Increased short term clients costs and decreased income from postponing our annual fundraiser will make meeting program needs more of a challenge for our 2020-21 fiscal year

Support Senior Nutrition Program/Meals That Connect by visiting our website,

https://www.mealsthatconnect.org/donate

Meals That Connect would like to thank the following organizations for their continued support of our program!

















Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY FRIDAY	
JULY 6, 2020	JULY 7, 2020	JULY 8, 2020	JULY 9, 2020	JULY 10, 2020
PORK RIB PATTY W/	MEATBALLS IN GRAVY	OMELET W/CHEESE	Italian noodle	TUNA MACARONI SALAD
BBQ sauce			CASSEROLE	
GRAHAM CRACKERS	BROWN RICE	BRAN MUFFIN	(PASTA)	(PASTA)
SWEET POTATOES	MIXED VEGETABLES	BAKED POTATO	WINTER VEGETABLES	HOMEMADE CARROT SALAD
Brussel sprouts	HOMEMADE COLE SLAW	STEWED TOMATO	SPINACH SALAD	HOMEMADE PEA SALAD
MANDARINS &	APPLESAUCE	CANTALOUPE	BANANA	LOCAL STRAWBERRIES
PINEAPPLE				
MILK	MILK	MILK	MILK	MILK
JULY 13, 2020	JULY 14, 2020	JULY 15, 2020	JULY 16, 2020	JULY 17, 2020
Hungarian Goulash	CHEESE RAVIOLI W/	CHICKEN ENCHILADA/	CHICKEN SANDWICH	CHEF'S SALAD: ROMAINE,
	WHT SAUCE & CHICKEN	RED SAUCE		TURKEY, CHEESE, EGG
(PASTA)	(PASTA)	(TORTILLA)	WHOLE WHEAT BUN	WHOLE WHEAT BREAD
SEASONED SPINACH	BROCCOLI	BLACK BEANS	CAULIFLOWER	HOMEMADE BEAN SALAD
PICKLED BEETS	ROMAINE SALAD	CORN	HOMEMADE CARROT	HOMEMADE COLE SLAW
			SALAD	
PINEAPPLE TIDBITS	APRICOT HALVES	HONEYDEW MELON,	FRUIT COCKTAIL	LOCAL STRAWBERRIES
		BIRTHDAY MUFFIN		
MILK	MILK	MILK	MILK	MILK
JULY 20, 2020	JULY 21, 2020	JULY 22, 2020	July 23, 2020	JULY 24, 2020
SWEET & SOUR	BEEF PATTY W/ GRAVY	BREADED HADDOCK	WHOLE WHEAT	ORIENTAL CHICKEN &
MEATBALLS		FILET	SPAGHETTI W/	NOODLES SALAD
BROWN RICE	OATMEAL COOKIES	BROWN RICE	MT & MARINARA SAUCE	(PASTA)
ORIENTAL	MASHED POTATOES	HOMEMADE COLE SLAW	Calif vegetables	SPINACH SALAD
VEGETABLES				
CORN SALAD	HOMEMADE CARROT	GREEN BEANS	ROMAINE SALAD	HOMEMADE PEA SALAD
	SALAD			
ORANGE	SLICED PEARS	SLICED PEACHES	APPLE	WATERMELON
MILK	MILK	MILK	MILK	MILK
JULY 27, 2020	JULY 28, 2020	JULY 29, 2020	JULY 30, 2020	JULY 31, 2020
CHILI BEANS W/ MEAT	CHEESE ENCHILADA	HAMBURGER ON A BUN	CHICKEN A LA KING	CHICKEN RANCH SALAD
NATOR E MATERIA DE LO	WH. SAUCE & CHICKEN	WHICH E WHILL E DUDY	WHICH E WHIELE DAGEA	W/ ROMAINE
WHOLE WHEAT BREAD	(TORTILLA)	WHOLE WHEAT BUN	WHOLE WHEAT PASTA	CROUTONS
Brussel sprouts	BROCCOLI	SCANDI VEGETABLES	WINTER VEGETABLES	PICKLED BEETS
HOMEMADE CARROT	SUCCOTASH	HOMEMADE COLE SLAW	HOMEMADE BEAN SALAD	HOMEMADE CORN SALAD
SALAD				
FRUIT COCKTAIL	APRICOT HALVES	SLICE PEARS	SLICED PEACHES	CANTALOUPE
MILK	MILK	MILK	MILK	MILK

Cancellations & Reservations Please call your Site Manager to CANCEL or RESUME your meals 2 BUSINESS DAYS IN ADVANCE

Site Locations:	Serving Time	Site Manager & Assessor	Phone Number
Atascadero and Templeton	11:30	Liz	466-2317
Cambria	11:45	Jesse/Doris	927-1268
Los Osos	11:30	Rachel	528-6923
Morro Bay Dining Room	11:30	Marilee/Kat	772-4422
Morro Bay/Cayucos Home-Delivery	Call: 772-4222 or 772-3110		
Nipomo	12:00	Sandy	929-1066
Arroyo Grande, Grover Beach, Pismo Beach, Oceano	11:30	Debbie	489-5149
Paso Robles	11:30	Marlene	238-4831
Santa Margarita	11:15	David	438-5854
San Luis Obispo Home Delivery	Call: Janine at 543-0469		
Downtown: Anderson Hotel	11:30	Janine	543-0469
Laguna Lake Area: U.C.C. Church	11:30	Les	541-1168
San Luis Obispo Main Office: 541-3312	Central Kitchen: 541-2063		