



MEDIA ALERT

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Rotary Club of Menlo Park Grant to Meals on Wheels Helps Feed Seniors *Over 1,500 meals served weekly by Peninsula Volunteers, Inc. MOW*

MAY 29, 2014 – Menlo Park, CA – Peninsula Volunteers, Inc. (PVI) Meals on Wheels has been awarded \$2,000 from the Rotary Club of Menlo Park. The funds will help PVI provide nutritious meals to hungry seniors in San Mateo County. Every week, Peninsula Volunteers delivers over 1,500 hot, nutritious meals to seniors and adults with disabilities who are unable to cook for themselves.

The Rotary Club of Menlo Park serves the community and surrounding areas of Menlo Park, California with a variety of service projects and fundraisers that directly benefit the local home area.

Marilyn Baker-Venturini, Meals on Wheels Director for PVI, expressed her gratitude for the support from the Rotary Club of Menlo Park. "We have almost a perfect storm for senior hunger: cuts to funding, at the same time that the senior population and hunger due to poverty and disabilities are exploding. Today it is even more difficult to raise money to provide meals to the community's homebound seniors," she said.

In addition to supporting Meals on Wheels, many Rotarians are among the volunteers who help pack and deliver the meals. With their help, PVI MOW satisfies the basic daily meals, safety checks, periodic referral to other appropriate community services and human contact.

Peninsula Volunteers, Inc. is proud to partner with the Rotary Club of Menlo Park to help seniors continue to live independently in the community that they helped to build.

For more information about Meals on Wheels, contact Marilyn Baker-Venturini at mbaker-venturini@peninsulavolunteers.org.

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About Peninsula Volunteers, Inc.

Peninsula Volunteers, Inc., a pioneer in senior services, was the first volunteer organization to receive a HUD grant to develop and build low-income senior housing in the United States. For 66 years, Peninsula Volunteers has created and provided high quality and nurturing programs for the aging on the Peninsula, allowing them to pursue long and useful lives. Each year Peninsula Volunteers delivers over \$5 million in services, including over 130,000 hot meals to seniors and the homebound, and impacts over 4,500 households through its programs: *Meals on Wheels; Little House, The Roslyn G. Morris Activity Center, Rosener House Adult Day Services; and Peninsula Volunteers Properties, Inc.* The latter provides 82% of the affordable senior housing in Menlo Park at Crane Place and Partridge/Kennedy Apartments.

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