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To help our clients remain independent and enhance their quality of life by delivering nutritious meals.

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New Partnership with MemoryLane

By Alison Foreman, Mobile Meals of Toledo CEO

Starting Monday, September 8th, **Mobile Meals of Toledo** is launching a new partnership with **MemoryLane Care Services** in Toledo, providing hot, nutritious meals to participants in their Adult Day Service Program, Monday through Friday.

MemoryLane Care Services offers compassionate care, support, and companionship for older adults, especially those living with dementia, who need assistance and supervision during the day. This collaboration ensures that 30-40 participants will receive meals tailored to their specific dietary needs, including options for those with diabetes, renal disease, and those who require mechanical or pureed food.

This partnership was born out of a meeting of COPE (Coalition of Organizations Protecting Elders), a network of over 100 agencies working together to address elder abuse and support aging adults in our community. It was at a COPE meeting that Mobile Meals met with Social Services Director,

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Cheryl Conley, of MemoryLane, sparking conversations in November 2024 that led to this impactful collaboration.

MemoryLane Care Services joins a growing list of community partners served by Mobile Meals. We currently provide meals to **Ann Grady Services** across seven sites, supporting 50 participants, and deliver hot meals to residents at **Northgate Apartments** and **Madonna Homes**. Together, we are nourishing lives and strengthening the network of care for older adults in Northwest Ohio.

Volunteer Spotlight

Meet Blake Stoller



At just 20 years old, Blake is already making a significant impact in the Toledo community through his work with Mobile Meals. After learning that Mobile Meals was recognized as one of the best places to volunteer in Toledo, he got involved and has never looked back.

Blake delivers meals to homebound individuals, spreading kindness and compassion, and looks forward to his first pet food delivery. He also lent a hand at Consaul Community Day and regularly volunteers with hospice patients. Mobile Meals solutes Blake's commitment to caring for others.

Blake values Mobile Meals for the ability to uplift spirits with kind words and a meal. Many clients express their gratitude for the food, but also mention that it helps them remain independent, a benefit, he thinks, is often overlooked.

Blake, a full-time student and summer machinist, appreciates the flexibility that Mobile Meals provides despite his busy schedule. With his future career in healthcare in mind, he encourages others to get involved, saying, "It's a great opportunity to give back and witness the immediate impact your actions have on someone's life."

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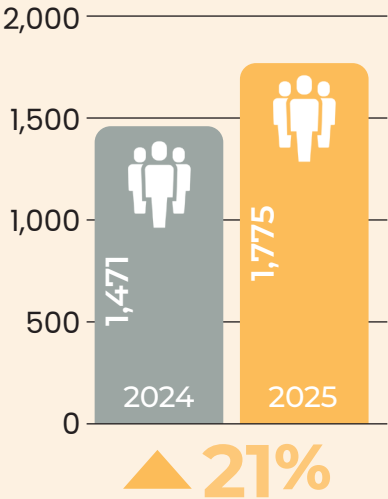


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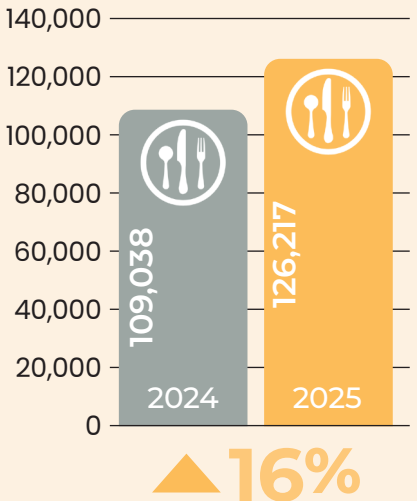
Mid-Year 2025 Service Summary

The infographic below illustrates a substantial increase in both the number of clients served and the meals provided compared to the same period last year. This trend underscores the growing demand for home-delivered meals within our community.

January - June CLIENT COUNT



January - June MEAL COUNT



Client Spotlight

Sisters Sue and Sharon, who share a home, are among the seniors benefiting from Mobile Meals of Toledo, thanks to the Senior Services Levy that Lucas County voters approved last fall. This vital support allows them to manage their budget while enjoying nutritious, home-delivered meals.

Sue, a former landscaping business owner, and Sharon, a retired employee from GM Powertrain, both look forward to their meals from Mobile Meals. Sue can't get enough of Salisbury steak, while Sharon has a soft spot for the homemade macaroni and cheese. They wholeheartedly agree that the strawberry parfait is the ultimate treat!



In addition to meals, the sisters also receive a pet food delivery for their beloved cats, Noah James and Handsome. The monthly delivery of pet food is a true blessing, helping them care for their furry companions.

We were saddened to learn of Sharon's passing shortly after our interview. We thank Sue for sharing her sister's story.

From Our Kitchen



Hello everyone! It's been a busy time in the Mobile Meals kitchen! This summer, we welcomed a new team member, Beth Paul. Additionally, our Dietary Manager, Justina Filipovich, celebrated 20 years of service with Mobile Meals in June.

As we shift into the fall season, we continue to ramp up our daily meal production. So far this year, we've prepared over 17,000 more meals compared to the same time last year. Our team has been connecting with various senior center programs to understand their needs better and find ways for Mobile Meals to support even more seniors in our community. **Starting next month, we'll be providing hot meals five days a week for the clients of MemoryLane Care Services,** and we're excited to serve nutritious and delicious meals to them.

We're also rolling out some new items for our fall menu. This includes an Indian-inspired dish, Garam Masala Chicken with couscous, featuring cozy fall flavors we think our clients will enjoy. Plus, we've introduced a Chicken Chow Mein recipe that has quickly become a favorite.

Lastly, we are looking forward to our annual fundraiser, **Sip Sip, Hooray! Under the Big Top**, on November 13th. We're busy planning our menu for this exciting event, which will give us a chance to showcase our high-end, delicious bites for all attendees. **We hope to see you all under the Big Top!**

Chef Linda, Kitchen Director

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