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Wheels for Meals fundraiser gives cyclists an opportunity to help

GREENVILLE, SC - Meals on Wheels of Greenville will hold the third annual Wheels for Meals fundraiser on Saturday, April 25, 2009 at Furman University. Wheels for Meals is a fun and challenging opportunity for cyclists of all abilities to ride with a purpose and help raise money to provide meals for homebound individuals.

As an annual fundraising effort of the Meals on Wheels local chapter, the goal is to raise awareness of senior hunger and to encourage action on the part of the local community. According to a recent study conducted by Meals On Wheels Association of America (MOWAA), in excess of 5 million seniors in America are facing the serious threat of hunger. Meals on Wheels of Greenville has been working since 1968 to address and combat this threat locally, now delivering 1,500 meals each day.

With 4 rides to choose from, including a Metric Century ride, 40 mile ride, 25 mile ride and a Family Fun Ride & Stroller Stride, Wheels for Meals is an event that presents an opportunity for cyclists of all ages to choose the route that fits their lifestyle. All rides will begin and end at the beautiful Furman University campus. The three longer courses will wind along the scenic roadways and countryside of Greenville County and our spectacular mountains. Riders will be provided with well stocked rest stops, well marked routes, SAG vehicles and mechanical support. Rules of the road will apply and helmets will be required for all participants.

Families and children will love the Family Fun Ride and Stroller Stride. The 3 mile Ride will loop around the campus and end back in front of Palladin Stadium. FREE helmets will be provided for children who need them, compliments of the Greenville Spinners Safety Foundation. After returning to the stadium, participants will be treated to fun and festivities for the entire Family.

All event proceeds will go to Meals on Wheels, furthering our mission to enhance the quality of life of homebound individuals by providing nutritious meals, personal contact and related services.

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