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Wheels for Meals Fundraiser Provides 20,000 Meals

GREENVILLE, SC - Meals on Wheels Greenville held the third annual Wheels for Meals fundraiser on Saturday, April 25, 2009 at Furman University. More than 300 riders combined to raise enough revenue to provide approximately 20,000 meals to homebound individuals.

As an annual fundraising effort of Meals on Wheels Greenville, the goal is to raise awareness of senior hunger and to encourage action on the part of the local community. Meals on Wheels Greenville has been working since 1968 to address and combat this threat locally, now delivering 1,500 meals each day.

Executive Director of Meals on Wheels Greenville Liz Seman said, "Wheels for Meals was an amazing event in our eyes. We exceeded our expectations in terms of participants and volunteers, and with the funds we raised we will be able to make a difference in lives here in Greenville."

This year's event hosted 323 riders comprising 11 teams from companies and organizations. Fluor Cycling Team won the award for most money raised by a large team as well as the award for most money raised per rider. St. Francis won the award for most money raised by a small team.

Five other companies or organizations participated in the event by helping with rest stops for the riders. There were also a dozen companies and organizations involved in the expo that accompanied the event. The teams participating included Fluor Cycling Team, Team Harper, Benetz, Furman University, GHS Every Woman, Global Bike, Greenville Women's Cycling, Mustang Cycling, Palmetto Bank, St Francis and Y Xtreme Team.

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