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## **AFTER THIRTY YEARS OF TIRELESS SERVICE, MEALS ON WHEELS OF CHEYENNE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHARON BENSON ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT**

**CHEYENNE, Wyo.** – Sep. 5, 2019 – Longtime Executive Director of Meals on Wheels of Cheyenne Sharon Benson announced to the board she will retire December 31, 2019. Meals on Wheels Board Vice President Tyler Gibbs noted Sharon has been a valuable member of the Meals on Wheels program since 1990 and has been the driving force behind much of Meals on Wheels' success over the last 29 years. "The Board wishes Sharon a wonderful retirement....she will be missed by the entire Meals on Wheels family," Gibbs said. Under Benson's leadership, the organization has expanded its outreach to deliver approximately 85,000 meals annually to clients in Laramie County.

"It has been my privilege and honor to work with the wonderful dedicated volunteers, donors, staff, and community for the past thirty years," Executive Director Sharon Benson said. "The hard work and commitment of these people has inspired me daily. Cheyenne is a great place to live and work because of the people throughout this caring community. I will miss everyone I've worked with in this collective effort. I feel truly blessed for the opportunities we had to make a difference in people's lives."

The Executive Committee announced that the search for a new Executive Director is currently underway. A job posting has been created. Prospective applicants can obtain more information about the job opening at the Meals on Wheels website listed below or on the Meals on Wheels of Cheyenne Facebook page.

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**Meals on Wheels of Cheyenne** is dedicated to improving the quality of life of those with the greatest physical, nutritional, social and economic needs. We serve the frail elderly, the disabled, the ill, the convalescing, and the at-risk homebound. Meals on Wheels is a vital part of human services for Cheyenne and Laramie County and is the only area program that delivers hot meals in person, which allows us the added ability to check on our clients' safety, provide them with daily companionship, and find out if they have any additional need. Sharon led the efforts to construct the Meals on Wheels Mart facility, which now generates over \$350,000 annually to help cover meal costs for clients in poverty. Sharon also led the more recent effort to expand and renovate the kitchen. This is a \$2.2 million project funded by private donors, local businesses, the Wyoming Business Council, and the Daniels Fund. In recognition of Sharon's outstanding tenure, the expanded and renovated facility will be named the "Sharon Benson Building" upon completion. For more information about Meals on Wheels of Cheyenne, please visit: [www.mealsonwheelsofcheyenne.com](http://www.mealsonwheelsofcheyenne.com).