

Meals on Wheels thanks its volunteers

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A few months ago, the Board of Directors of the Twin Cities Meals on Wheels searched for a way to thank its volunteers for their contributions, especially for the trials faced during the pandemic.

After the pandemic, there was a shortage of volunteers and a growing client base in the cities of Tonawanda and North Tonawanda.

Kitchen workers, drivers, servers and office workers spent hours to ensure that clients were taken care of, not only by offering meals, but also by assuring the clients that someone cares for them.

The board also wanted to thank their clients for their continued support. For many, the trusted Meals on Wheels volunteer who shows up every day with a meal and a smile is the only person they see or speak with all day.

“This special delivery is the reason to get up in the morning, something to look forward to and a reminder to take good care of themselves,” Karl Bauer, board president said.

The board decided to reward their volunteers and clients with a thank you notepad and pen with the only issue being finding businesses to underwrite the cost of the two items.

Carol Tallichet, owner of LumberJack’s Patio Grill on River Road in North Tonawanda, stepped up the minute she heard of the project. Her donation was matched by Riverfront Custom Design, a millwork company in North Tonawanda, owned by Paul Tucker.

Board members Curt Gaume and Jim Burke along with site coordinator Pam Hill presented the first thank you gifts to the two benefactors on July 27, and the rest of the volunteers and clients received their gifts during the first week of August.

The “Thank You” packet also included the booklet from the Chamber of Commerce of the Tonawandas of events in the Twin Cities through December.