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**TEAM Inc. Receives \$70,000 Donation from the Hewitt Foundation to Support Elderly Service Programs**

Derby, CT, September 2, 2016 --- TEAM Inc. announced that the Hewitt Foundation presented the agency with a \$70,000 donation in support of the Elderly Service programs. Serving more than 940 Valley seniors, many of whom are elderly and homebound. TEAM's Elderly Services Department includes Meals on Wheels, Homemaking, Medical Transportation and Volunteer Caregivers. Without the daily and weekly contact these services provide, many of these seniors would be isolated and without interaction with the community. Meals on Wheels, for example, provides a simple, inexpensive service that can help prevent the need for more costly services, such as hospitalizations and nursing home care. TEAM's staff provides a nutritious well balanced home delivered meal for frail homebound individuals 60 years of age and older, giving priority to those with the greatest economic or social needs and particular attention to low- income minority individuals. Each meal meets nutritional requirements and special dietary needs are considered. The Program also provides a wellness check, an opportunity for socialization, nutrition education, nutrition counseling and access to social services based on the needs of meal participants five days per week.

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Assigned to daily routes, drivers become familiar with the routines of their senior clients, and can alert family members or emergency services if a client does not answer the door.

In response to the generous donation, David Morgan, TEAM President/CEO stated, “We are extremely appreciative of the ongoing support from the Hewitt Foundation. Their support of programs such as Meals on Wheels, which provides one meal a day to the home of a homebound senior, helps ensure that our elderly are not only eating, but eating food that meets the nutritional standards necessary to keep them healthy and active. In addition, the program provides a daily social contact, something that is essential to older adults living alone.” He further stated, “This past program year, 337 individuals were served and a total of 52,665 meals were provided. Currently, 62% of those on TEAM’s Meals on Wheels program live alone, and 64% are over 80 years of age.”

Patrick Carey, the President of the Hewitt Foundation expressed his thoughts on the donation, “The Hewitt Foundation Board of Directors is very confident in the work that TEAM is doing. We will continue to support TEAM in the future.”

For information on TEAM Elderly Service Programs, please contact Suzanne Reilly at [sreilly@teaminc.org](mailto:sreilly@teaminc.org) or 203.736.5420 ext. 226.

*TEAM Inc. is a private, non-profit corporation whose mission is strengthen our community by education, supporting and empowering individuals and families. TEAM programs impact the communities of Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Derby, Milford, Naugatuck, Orange, Oxford, Shelton, Seymour, Waterbury and Woodbridge.*



Patrick Carey ® and David Morgan are pictured above.