

### Daughters of Penelope Donates \$10,000 to Meals on Wheels America

The Daughters of Penelope (DOP), a leading international service organization comprised of women of Hellenic heritage and Philhellenes, proudly presented a \$10,000 donation to Meals on Wheels America, February 13, 2020, announced Grand President Celia Kachmarski. Grand President Kachmarski presented the donation to Meals on Wheels America President and CEO Ellie Hollander. This is the third \$10,000 donation in as many years to Meals on Wheels America, which is the leading organization to address senior hunger and isolation.

“We are proud to support the worthy mission of Meals on Wheels America and its vision of an America in which all seniors live nourished lives with independence and dignity,” Grand President Kachmarski said. “Our support of Meals on Wheels America dovetails with our community service programs that assist our nation’s elderly who are vulnerable and are in need. For example, Meals on Wheels serves many residents of AHEPA’s and Daughters’ 91 affordable elderly housing properties.”

“We commend the Daughters of Penelope for continuing to support our work to address senior isolation and hunger, especially as the demand for services continues to rise along with the rapidly growing senior population. We appreciate the generosity of the Daughters of Penelope and its support of our mission,” Meals on Wheels America President and CEO Hollander said.

The donation made by the Daughters of Penelope was made possible by the late Mr. Nicholas Economy.

“The Daughters of Penelope is proud to honor his memory and his wishes to help the elderly in need,” Grand President Kachmarski said.

Grand Secretary Georgette Boulegeris, Executive Director Elena Saviolakis, and Consultant Andrew Kaffes accompanied Grand President Kachmarski to the presentation. Meals on Wheels America’s Chief Development Officer Kristine Templin accompanied President/CEO Hollander.



*Grand President Celia Kachmarski presenting a \$10,000 donation to Meals on Wheels on behalf of the Daughters of Penelope to Meals on Wheels President and Chief Executive Officer Ellie Hollander.*



*L to R: DOP Legislative Consultant Andrew Kaffes, Grand Secretary Georgette Boulegeris, Grand President Celia Kachmarski, Meals on Wheels President and Chief Executive Officer Ellie Hollander, DOP Executive Director Elena Saviolakis, and Meals on Wheels Chief Development Officer Kristine Templin.*

### **About Meals on Wheels America**

Meals on Wheels America is the leadership organization supporting the more than 5,000 community-based programs across the country that are dedicated to addressing senior isolation and hunger. This network serves virtually every community in America and, along with more than two million staff and volunteers, delivers the nutritious meals, friendly visits and safety checks that enable America's seniors to live nourished lives with independence and dignity. By providing funding, leadership, education, research and advocacy support, Meals on Wheels America empowers its local member programs to strengthen their communities, one senior at a time. For more information, or to find a Meals on Wheels provider near you, visit [www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org](http://www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org).

### **About the Daughters of Penelope**

Founded in San Francisco in 1929, the Daughters of Penelope (DOP) is the first women's organization of its kind established in the United States. It is an affiliate organization of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (Order of AHEPA).

The mission of the DOP is to promote the ancient Greek ideals of Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, and Family and Individual Excellence.

For more information about the DOP, or any of its programs or projects, please visit [www.daughtersofpenelope.org](http://www.daughtersofpenelope.org).