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**MEALS ON WHEELS OF SAN FRANCISCO'S STAR CHEFS & VINTNERS  
GALA BENEFIT TO SUPPORT HOMEBOUND SENIORS TAKES PLACE ON  
MAY 21 AT FORT MASON CENTER**

*THE ANNUAL EPICUREAN ADVENTURE WILL FEATURE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA'S  
FINEST RESTAURANTS AND VINTNERS*

**San Francisco, CA** – Meals on Wheels of San Francisco (MOWSF) is proud to present their annual Star Chefs & Vintners Gala, an event that raises critical funds for the organization. This year's event is back at the Festival Pavilion at Fort Mason Center for The Arts, on Sunday, May 21, and is particularly important as it raises one-third of the nonprofit's budget providing nearly 700,000 meals for seniors in need.

The Star Chefs & Vintners Gala will feature 80 restaurants representing the best of Northern California cuisine, and sommeliers will be pouring wines from more than 70 of Napa and Sonoma Counties' top wineries. This event is a true celebration of the culinary arts, bringing together some of the region's most celebrated chefs and vintners along with more than 500 guests, all in support of MOWSF's mission to help older adults live with independence in their homes.

"With the end of pandemic relief funding, including the extra emergency government funds for CalFresh, many seniors are now at a loss on how they'll be able to afford nutritious meals without the extra money they have counted on the past two years," explained David Linnell, Acting CEO, Meals on Wheels of San Francisco. "While the World Health Organization recently announced that COVID is no longer a global emergency, the number of older adults in need of food and wellness services coming out of the pandemic continues to grow, and that means events like our gala are crucial in helping us raise the funds needed to keep seniors fed."

In 2022, Meals on Wheels of San Francisco prepared and delivered 2.6 million meals to the homes of more than 5,400 older adults living in San Francisco and Northern San Mateo Counties and provided more than 284,000 wellness visits.

Star Chefs & Vintners Gala guests will enjoy an hors d'oeuvre reception with a wide range of cuisines representing many of Northern California's incredible restaurants. They'll

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also experience refreshing libations crafted by mixologists while they explore items to bid on during the Superior Silent Auction. After the reception, guests will be seated for a four-course, wine-paired dinner with signature entrees prepared by the chefs, a live auction, and a Fund-A-Route program. The live auction will feature many one-of-a-kind items to bid on such as a Golden State Warriors Insiders Experience, Multi-Course Dining Adventures, and Wine-Tasting opportunities at distinct Napa and Sonoma wineries. A decadent dessert reception will cap off the evening.

The Star Chefs & Vintners Gala takes place on Sunday, May 21 at Fort Mason Center, Festival Pavilion between 4:00 PM – 11:00 PM.

More details about the Star Chefs & Vintners Gala, including opportunities to bid on specialty experiences, wines, and more, online, can be found at: <https://www.mowsf.org/gala/>.

Downloadable press kit about Meals on Wheels of San Francisco and b-roll can be found at: <https://www.mowsf.org/gala-23-media>

**About Meals on Wheels of San Francisco:**

Meals on Wheels of San Francisco (MOWSF) is a nonprofit organization that serves homebound seniors aged 60 and older as well as people with disabilities in San Francisco who face financial hardship, illness, or disability. It is the only organization in the Bay Area to offer 2 home-delivered meals a day. MOWSF started in San Francisco exclusively in 1970 and recently expanded its geographic coverage region to include older people living in Northern San Mateo County. Today, MOWSF delivers more than 2.6 million meals yearly filling a much-needed service and ensuring no senior goes hungry or is forgotten. In addition to meals, MOWSF provides a network of professional services that help seniors live with dignity and independence in their homes to include nutrition counseling, social work, and wellness services that decrease isolation.

Meals on Wheels of San Francisco is supported by donations from individuals, businesses, foundations, and government grants. The organization also partners with local businesses and community organizations to deliver on its mission of Nourishing the Whole Person. Learn how you can get involved at [www.MOWSF.org](http://www.MOWSF.org).

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