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MORE THAN A MEAL

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A NOTE FROM THE CEO

BEYOND BINGO BASH - A Good Place to Be

Bingo Bash is one of my favorite nights of the year. It's loud, high-energy and just plain fun. For a few hours, people forget about work and whatever else is waiting for them. They focus on their cards, wait for someone to yell **BINGO!** and are completely caught up in the moment.

They're simply present.

And I love that.

Maybe that's part of why something I've been thinking about lately feels especially relevant this year.

Recently, a member of our team came to me with an opportunity and, as we talked about it, asked me a question I wasn't expecting: "Are you afraid? Afraid of our future?"

I was surprised by how quickly I knew the answer—I wasn't. But the question made me think.

For the past six years, we have been moving. We've improved processes, broken things down and built them back up, and reimagined our culture and how we do our work. That work was necessary, and it has gotten us to a really good place.

What I'm finding more challenging is learning how to simply be in that good place.

I'm a process improver and problem solver by nature. Even when something is working, I can find myself wondering how we could streamline it, improve it or reduce what isn't necessary.

There is a lot of good that comes from leading that way. It creates space for ideas and gives others permission to see possibilities.

But that conversation made me think about what can happen when I'm always looking for what could be better. Am I giving enough attention to what is already good?

Maybe not everything that can be improved needs to be improved right now.

And maybe there is something we can learn from Bingo Bash itself.

Be present. Appreciate where we are. Celebrate what's working. Take care of what we've built.

That doesn't mean we stop looking ahead. It just means we don't have to rush past where we are to get there.

Maybe that's what I want to remember at Bingo Bash this year. In between the noise, the laughter and the rolled-up bingo cards flying toward the winners—clearly we take our bingo pretty seriously—I want to take a minute to simply **be in that good place.**

To enjoy it. To celebrate it. And to not immediately wonder what we should do next.

There will always be time to ask: **What else is possible?**

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BEYOND THE SPONSORSHIP



Barb Renshaw, Director of Development & Outreach

For years, Bingo Bash meant I would have an annual sponsorship conversation with our valued corporate partners. I would make the ask, promote the benefits of the sponsorship and usually reach out again months later with another opportunity.

That has now changed.

With CHAIR—Companies Helping Amplify Impact & Resilience—I'm able to spend more quality time getting to know our corporate partners and what matters most to them. Instead of "asks" throughout the year, I can talk about how they want to engage with MOWCI, their employees and the community. This is a shift toward a more intentional, relationship-based partnership.

It has changed the way I think about Bingo Bash, too. Most of our former sponsors are now annual CHAIR partners, and their Bingo Bash table is part of that important relationship. And when a new company sponsors Bingo Bash, I don't just see a sponsor for one night. I see the beginning of a relationship!

Bingo Bash may bring us together for a night. My job is to help that connection grow from there.

MORE THAN A FUN NIGHT



Robert Lewis, Senior Director of Finance

When I think about Bingo Bash, I think about all of the fun nights we have hosted, the themes, and the costumes! It is so uplifting to see a huge, packed room full of people who support Meals on Wheels. I'm also thinking about something else that might seem unusual: **flexibility**.

As in funding flexibility. Some of the funding we receive doesn't arrive until after we've already paid the expenses, and the timing rarely lines up neatly. Part of my job is to keep an eye on what's coming in and what's going out, and the fact that our work continues everyday makes it challenging.

We also have to balance what is best for the people we serve with what is financially responsible for the organization. We have essential expenses that can be harder to fund like our office, administrative costs, and financial assistance for clients who need it.

That's why the dollars raised through Bingo Bash matter so much to Meals on Wheels. They aren't designated for one specific program or expense. They give us the flexibility to put those dollars where they're needed most. They support the entire organization and keep Meals on Wheels financially strong, ensuring that we will always be there to support our clients and their families.

On bingo night, while everyone else is watching their cards, I will probably be thinking about our cash flow. It comes with the job!

FROM A PARTNER: BEYOND THE SPONSORSHIP



Our relationship with Meals on Wheels of Central Indiana began two years ago when our team started delivering meals. What began as an opportunity to give back to our community has grown into a partnership that means a great deal to all of us.

Since then, we've become a sponsor of Bingo Bash and, today, we're proud to be a CHAIR partner. While we always enjoy the events and opportunities to support the organization, it's the meal deliveries that continue to make the greatest impression on me.

When you're standing at someone's door, you quickly realize it's about much more than delivering a meal. It's about connection, compassion, and knowing that a simple visit can make a meaningful difference in someone's day.

We're not just supporting the work. We get to be part of it.



Chad Phillips

Bradley Company President & CEO

DELIVER MORE.



There are a lot of ways to be part of our work—and sometimes it can be as simple as what you wear.

Our new **Deliver More** T-shirt is built around an idea we believe in: all of us can bring a little more good wherever we go.

And yes, buying one supports MOWCI. But we hope you'll wear it for another reason, too: as a reminder that doing good doesn't always have to be complicated.

Deliver more. Do good wherever you go.

[Click here to purchase your t-shirt](#)



SADDLE UP! BINGO BASH IS JUST WEEKS AWAY



When: Friday, November 6, 2026

Where: 502 East Event Centre, Carmel

Our annual Bingo Bash event is almost back. Now is your opportunity to round up your posse, grab your tickets, and get ready for a night of fun, prizes, and supporting our mission!



For sponsorships and tickets, reach out to Barb at brenshaw@mealsonwheelsindy.org to get started.

COMMUNITY HELPING AMPLIFY IMPACT & RESISTANCE

Pull up a chair. Someone is waiting.

Do you work for a company?
Are you a member of a local church?
Do you belong to an organization?

If so, we need you!

Join our community of partners who are dedicated to creating moments of dignity, connection and hope.

Together, we can make a collective impact in our community-because no one should face hunger and recovery alone. To learn more, please contact brenshaw@mealsonwheelsindy.org

Thank you to our current C.H.A.I.R. partners!



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