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## **Douglas County Celebrates Senior Services Volunteers**

(Roseburg, OR) – December 14, 2017 –Douglas County Commissioners recognized dozens of Douglas County Senior Services department volunteers at their annual luncheon yesterday.

Every year Douglas County provides more than 74,000 meals to our aging population. This is just one of the services that could not be performed without the dedication of more than 100 trained volunteers. A year of meals for one person is the cost of one day in a hospital. Some of the services provided are meal deliveries, opened dining sites, and preventative programs, in hopes to keep Douglas County Seniors healthy.

The meal delivery service is also key for elderly health, for many other reasons. “It’s more than just a meal,” Douglas County Senior Services Director Jeanne Wright said. “It’s socialization, a friendly face, it’s time that these volunteers spend with people who are sometimes homebound.”

Douglas County Commissioner Gary Leif is the liaison to the Senior Services department and thanked those in attendance for their hard work and dedication.

### **About [Douglas County Senior Services](#)**

The intent of the Senior Services plan is to provide a comprehensive and coordinated plan of services, for older Oregonians, that is based on local community needs. The plan prioritizes needs and strategies that best fit with community needs, desires and norms that also fit within the budgetary and resource realities of Douglas County.

### **About [Douglas County](#)**

Douglas County Government employs approximately 800 full- and part-time employees in a wide variety of jobs. The Board of Commissioners, consisting of three full-time members, is the county’s governing body. They provide a direct link between the citizens of Douglas County and their county government. The Board of Commissioners is responsible for: approving ordinances (county laws); adopting the county budget; setting standards for the use of county property; appointing non-elected officials to boards, commissions, and committees; and oversees all operations of the county.

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