

# **Meals on Wheels**

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## **Beyonca West Welcomed as Newest Member Of Meals On Wheels of Polk County, Inc.'s Board of Directors**

**WINTER HAVEN, FL (July 10, 2023)** – Meals on Wheels (MOW) of Polk County, Inc. has announced Beyonca West of Haines City as the newest member of its board of directors.

West, who is employed as Director of Marketing for the City of Davenport, brings a passion for community service and helping people to the MOW board. “I am happy and elated to serve and am ready to pitch in to help wherever I can make an impact,” West said, after being nominated and elected to serve at a recent board meeting.

“We are delighted to have Beyonca serving as a director. Her interest in serving people, expertise in marketing and familiarity with the Davenport community will help us immensely as we expand to serve more homebound people in northeast Polk County,” said Remington Brown, president of Meals on Wheels of Polk County, Inc.

A Haines City native, West grew up in a family devoted to community service. Her father, Morris West, served many years as mayor of the City of Haines City while her mother, Leah, is community outreach manager for U.S. Representative Darren Soto. The family established and directs the Morris & Leah West Foundation to fund swimming lessons for needy children.

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In addition to serving on the MOW and Morris & Leah West Foundation boards, Beyonca is an active member of the Haines City Chamber of Commerce, the Mid Florida Youth Conference and the Dick Pope/Polk County Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association. She also has served as a volunteer with Tampa-based Metropolitan Ministries where she helped in a thrift store and packaged food for needy people.

Before joining the City of Davenport, she served as a real estate agent with Keller Williams Real Estate for three years and branch manager for seven years with Enterprise Rental Car. She earned her BA degree in Mass Communications from Bethune Cookman University in Daytona Beach and also is a licensed real estate agent.

Headquartered at 620 Sixth Street in Winter Haven, MOW of Polk County is a non-profit, volunteer-driven organization that prepares and delivers more than 110,000 nutritious, freshly-cooked hot meals each year to homebound people residing in Winter Haven, Auburndale, Bartow, Davenport, Dundee, Eagle Lake, Haines City, Highland City, Lake Alfred, Lake Hamilton, Polk City and parts of Lakeland.

On a typical weekday, MOW volunteers deliver meals to between 400 and 500 households. MOW's volunteer drivers are frequently the only people these homebound people, who are mostly over the age of 65, get to see face to face on a daily basis.

Because it receives no government funding, MOW relies on thrift store sales and fundraisers as well as donations from generous individuals, corporate sponsors, churches, non-profit charitable organizations and foundations to carry out its mission of feeding and interacting with homebound Polk County citizens.

Meals on Wheels welcomes volunteers to serve as drivers, kitchen workers, thrift store helpers, fundraisers and board members. Anyone wishing to become a MOW volunteer or client should call Susan Eldridge at 863-299-1616. Information also is available on the MOW website at [MOWpolk.org](http://MOWpolk.org).