

Town Meals on Wheels volunteers recognized

Four Orchard Park Meals on Wheels for Western New York volunteers were honored for their 20-year commitment to community service at a reception last week.

May Bieth, Brenda Rockwood, Kathy Schiffler and Mary Williams were all recognized for their work at the Orchard Park site. They were among 28 area volunteers recognized at the event.

"It's incredible to think about the number of volunteers that we have who reach these impressive service milestones," Chris Procknal, president and CEO of MOW-WNY, said. "It's rare for someone to stay at a paid job for 20, 25 or 30 years — let alone a volunteer opportunity. But many of our volunteers become close friends with the clients, and the regular meal-delivery visits become as important to our volunteers as they are to our clients."

According to Meals on Wheels, last year volunteers delivered 900,000 meals to the homebound in Erie County and an additional 230,000 to seniors who come to common pickup sites. In total, the local outfit serves 3,400 clients each year.