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SALT LAKE COUNTY AGING & ADULT SERVICES BENEFIT FROM TACOFEST

Tacofest raised over \$7,000 for Meals on Wheels

Salt Lake City – Nearly 3,000 people attended Salt Lake City's first annual Tacofest. The event, which was held in support of Meals on Wheels, brought together food trucks and taco lovers from all over Utah on Saturday the 5th. Various styles of tacos ranging from tofu to cow tongue were served along with more traditional tacos like al pastor and carne asada. Tacofest which took place at the historic Mexican Civic Center downtown raised over \$7,000 for Meals on Wheels its first year, a number that exceeded the event's original projection of \$5,000.

"We are thrilled about the turn out and could not have done it without the valuable support of all of our sponsors, vendors, and volunteers from Meals on Wheels!" said Marcelo Bayon, Founder of Tacofest.

Dwight Rasmussen, who oversees Meals on Wheels at Salt Lake County Aging & Adult Services, was also impressed, "We are very pleased with the turnout and grateful to the folks at Tacofest for supporting Salt Lake County's Meals on Wheels program."

Salt Lake County served over 309,500 meals to homebound older adults through Meals on Wheels last year. Meals on Wheels provides hot midday meals to vulnerable older adults to ensure food access and support proper nutrition among low-income seniors. Meals on Wheels is supported in part by donors and volunteers.

Tacofest also included a competition among the vendors for the Best Taco. Awards were presented in four categories, Best Traditional Taco, Best Veggie Taco, Best Creative Taco, and Best Taco of the Year. Winners were selected by five honorary judges with culinary background and ties to the community.

Winners are as follows:

Best Traditional Taco: Carne Asada from El Calor Taqueria

Best Veggie Taco: Fajita Grill Mexican Restaurant

Best Creative Taco: Chicken Taco from Ahti Korean Munchies

Best Taco of the Year: Raptor Jurassic Taco from Jurassic Street Tacos.

About Salt Lake County Aging & Adult Services

Aging & Adult Services is a Division of Salt Lake County Human Services that promotes independence for older adults through advocacy, engagement, and access to resources.

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