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## **VNA MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS GET HELP WITH SUMMER HEAT**

VNA Meals on Wheels drivers had their vehicles “summerized” by Prestone auto technicians on July 27 at the Patrick and Beatrice Haggerty Center in Dallas. Drivers received a free multi-step inspection of their cars that included checking and adding air, coolant, oil, and other fluids, as well as recommendations for proper maintenance during the hot summer months.

VNA Meals on Wheels was one of two programs in the United States chosen by Prestone to honor drivers who use their cars “to do good for others.” On hand to help out were former Dallas Cowboy greats Drew Pearson and Russell Maryland. Prestone also donated \$5,000 to VNA Meals on Wheels and 100 fans for the program’s clients.

VNA prepares nearly 4,000 meals each weekday for home delivery to elderly, sick, and disabled individuals in Dallas County. Drivers cover a total of more than 2,700 miles a day to deliver the meals – 693,900 miles a year. This distance is equivalent to 27 trips around the circumference of the earth or three trips to the moon.

“Our dedicated Meals on Wheels drivers deliver 1.4 million meals each year,” said Robert Carpenter, president and CEO of the Visiting Nurse Association. “By partnering with Prestone, we’re able to offer our drivers a much deserved servicing of their cars, which are especially put to the test during the summer heat. We want to help keep our drivers stay safe and on the road!”

Information about supporting VNA Meals on Wheels can be obtained by calling 214-689-0000 or going online at [www.vnatexas.org](http://www.vnatexas.org).

**Prestone auto technicians serviced vehicles used by VNA Meals on Wheels drivers to deliver meals.**

