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**Store to Door Celebrates National Volunteer Month
and 25 Years of Service to the Community**

April is [National Volunteer Month](#) and [Store to Door](#) is celebrating its dedicated volunteers as it continues to mark its 25th anniversary.

With the help of nearly 600 volunteers who gave over 12,000 hours of service, Store to Door made 7,012 grocery deliveries to home-bound seniors and people with disabilities last year. Over the past 25 years, Store to Door volunteers have made approximately 130,000 grocery deliveries to 8,000 clients.

Store to Door highlighted the importance of its volunteers at the March 19th gala and auction, **Nourish + Connect**, celebrating Store to Door's 25th anniversary. Among the attendees were [Representative Barbara Smith Warner](#) who volunteers for Store to Door, long-time volunteers who have supported Store to Door for over 23 years, and employees from companies like [OnPoint Community Credit Union](#) who dedicate staff time to support the cause. The gala, sponsored by [Fred Meyer](#) and [First Tech Federal Credit Union](#), was held at [Castaway](#) in Portland and raised more than \$94,000.

An inspiring client story premiered at the **Nourish + Connect** gala: [view video](#).

This April, Store to Door volunteers will enjoy invitations to a variety of appreciation events as well as appreciative social media and website posts. Store to Door received a Governor's Volunteer Award for *Outstanding Nonprofit Volunteer Program* in 2014.

For the past 25 years, Store to Door has supported independent living for Portland area seniors and people with disabilities by providing a low-cost, volunteer-based grocery shopping and delivery service. When it began in 1989, five volunteers shopped for twenty-five local seniors. Today, more than 450 clients are supported by hundreds of dedicated volunteers, donors and community partners who make over 7,000 grocery deliveries possible annually.

Volunteers lend their support in roles they find the most fulfilling. They connect with clients by phone each week to provide social interaction and record grocery orders; shop each list individually, giving clients personalized attention; and deliver groceries throughout Portland and Beaverton, making vital social connections with homebound elders.

"I used to go a couple of days without eating," said one Store to Door client, "and was too ashamed to ask for help. Store to Door has changed my life."

