DELIVERING SO MUCH MORE THAN JUST A MEAL IN OHIO

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OHIO'S SENIOR POPULATION STRUGGLES WITH HUNGER AND ISOLATION									
Senior population					2,644,563 (23%)				
Seniors threatened by hunger					346,438 (13%)				
Seniors living alone					689,472 (27%)				
ADDITIONAL FACTORS CAN MAKE SENIORS EVEN MORE VULNERABLE									
Seniors living in poverty				228,494 (9%)					
Seniors that are non-white racial and/or an ethnic minority					13%				
Seniors experiencing falls with injury					9%				
Seniors with self-rated health as "fair to poor"					25%				
Seniors with a disability					31%				
INADEQUATE NUTRITION AND/OR LIMITED SOCIAL CONTACT HAS DIRECT HEALTH CONSEQUENCES THAT AFFECT THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM AND ECONOMY									
Preventable hospitalizations			57%	Hospital readmissions				15%	
Total Medicare spending (in billions)			\$23.27						
OLDER AMERICANS ACT (OAA) NUTRITION PROGRAMS IN OHIO ARE DELIVERING NUTRITIOUS MEALS, FRIENDLY VISITS AND SAFETY CHECKS TO THE MOST AT-RISK SENIORS									
	Congregate Meals			Home-Delivered Meals			Total		
Seniors served each year	46,091		38,415		84,506				
Meals served each year	1,902,170			5,873,901			7,776,071		
OAA CLIENT PROFILE									
ive alone			51%	Live in poverty			41%		
Live in a rural area			40%	Minority				25%	
Women			64%						
FUNDING FOR THESE PROGRAMS VARY BASED ON THE NEEDS AND RESOURCES OF THE COMMUNITY, AND ARE MADE UP OF FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL AND PRIVATE DOLLARS									
	Congregate Meals			Home-Delivered Meals			Total		
OAA Expenditures	\$8,656,554			\$17,619,985		\$26,276,539 (44%)			
Total Expenditures	\$17,439,741			\$42,628,313			\$60,068,054		
TOGETHER, WE MUST INVEST MORE FULLY IN MEALS ON WHEELS TO ENSURE VULNERABLE SENIORS IN OHIO CAN REMAIN HEALTHIER AT HOME, AVOIDING MORE COSTLY HEALTHCARE FACILITIES									
Cost of serving a senior Meals on Wheels for an entire year			Cost of 1 day	in a hospital		Cost of 10 days in a nursing home			

MEALS ON WHEELS PROVIDES A SOLUTION THAT SERVES US ALL

\$2,704

\$2,340

\$1,931

