THE ESCALATING ISSUE
OF SENIOR HUNGER

2024 NATIONAL SNAPSHOT

The Meals on Wheels network is comprised of around 5,000 community-based programs across the country dedicated to addressing senior hunger and isolation. The need is great, but Together, We Can Deliver.™

OUR NATION’S SENIOR POPULATION IS GROWING AND CHANGING RAPIDLY.

1 IN 4 AMERICANS IS 60+
with 12,000 more turning 60 every day

AMONG AMERICANS 60 AND OLDER:
29% HAVE A DISABILITY
24% LIVE ALONE
13% ARE VETERANS

THIS POPULATION IS SET TO REACH 91M BY 2030, with 112M EXPECTED BY 2060 – increasing the number of seniors today by nearly half.

OLDER AMERICANS OF COLOR WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE UP AN INCREASINGLY LARGER PORTION OF THIS POPULATION.

OLDER AMERICANS ARE LIVING LONGER WITH LESS MONEY.

Seniors on fixed incomes are ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE to increases in inflation and cost of living.

1 IN 2 SENIORS LIVING ALONE lacks the income to pay for basic needs

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SENIORS ARE AT GREATER RISK OF HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION.

FOOD INSECURITY DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTS OLDER ADULTS OF COLOR:
- 18% of Black seniors
- 18% of Hispanic seniors
- 11% of seniors who identified as Asian America, Pacific Islander, Native American or multi-racial
- 8% of non-Hispanic seniors
- 7% of White seniors

ABOUT 12 MILLION SENIORS ARE THREATENED BY OR EXPERIENCE HUNGER.

OLDER ADULTS ARE ALREADY AT HIGHER RISK OF MALNUTRITION due to decreased appetite, mobility issues, prescription medications and more.

THE MEALS ON WHEELS SOLUTION STARTS WITH THE MEAL...

251 MILLION meals served annually

AND DELIVERS ON SO MUCH MORE.

OF HOME DELIVERED MEAL PARTICIPANTS:
- 77% say the meals help improve their health
- 85% say the services help them feel more secure
- 92% say the meals help them live independently

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