## THE ESCALATING ISSUE **OF SENIOR HUNGER** AND ISOLATION

The Meals on Wheels network is comprised of around 5,000 community-based providers across the country dedicated to addressing senior hunger and isolation. But with growing demand and rising costs, many seniors are left waiting for nutritious meals and moments of connection. The need has never been greater, but together, we can End the Wait.

### 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

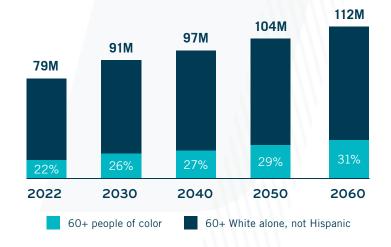
12% ARE VETERANS

## 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.



#### 12 MILLION OLDER ADULTS

face financial challenges that impact their ability to age at home.









**1 IN 2 SENIORS LIVING ALONE** 

lacks the income to pay for basic needs

## SENIORS ARE AT GREATER RISK OF HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION.



OLDER ADULTS ARE ALREADY AT HIGHER RISK OF MALNUTRITION

due to decreased appetite, mobility issues, prescription medications and more.

# FOOD INSECURITY DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTS OLDER ADULTS OF COLOR:

24% OF HISPANIC SENIORS

21% OF BLACK SENIORS

OF SENIORS WHO IDENTIFIED AS ASIAN AMERICA, PACIFIC

11% ISLANDER, NATIVE AMERICAN

OR MULTI-RACIAL

8% OF NON-HISPANIC SENIORS

8% OF WHITE SENIORS

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





MORE THAN 2 MILLION SENIORS served annually

## AND DELIVERS ON SO MUCH MORE.

#### OF HOME-DELIVERED MEAL PARTICIPANTS:



say the meals help

IMPROVE THEIR HEALTH



say the services help them

FEEL MORE SECURE



say the meals help them LIVE INDEPENDENTLY

HELP US END THE WAIT. FUND AND SUPPORT MEALS ON WHEELS.

