



Thank you for making 2019 yet another remarkable year for the seniors throughout our service area. Our dedicated staff has done an incredible job of expanding our outreach while strengthening our programs and services. We have been able to increase the value of services delivered in the field by 12% in 2019!

2019 maintained the growth achieved in the previous year and continued to expand our programs and services. Second and weekend meals continue to be offered, as well as the availability of special diet meals for those seniors who require them. 2019 also saw the opening of a new Community Café located in Dolton, IL. We are so pleased to continue to deliver more meals year over year and to have increased the number of seniors served in 2019 by 10%!

We could not have done it alone. We rely on the help of our volunteers, donors, and community partners. Our continuing goal is to keep our overhead low while increasing our services in the field, and you truly make this possible! Because of you, we have been able to make a strong start to 2020, giving us the ability to adapt to the changing times without an interruption in meals for our seniors. The Meals on Wheels Foundation of Northern Illinois and Community Nutrition Network are stronger than ever due to our continually expanding community who comes together to donate time, resources, and talent in support of our important mission.

Warmly,

Michael P. Seng
Chairperson, Board of Directors

# **Leaders Serving The Community**

Our mission: To provide meals and resources to older adults and persons with disabilities, assisting them in leading active and healthy lives.

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A personal feeling of connection is especially important for seniors. Seniors like Lillian. In her late 80s, Lillian is able to live independently in her Lemont Township home thanks to the meals you provide. Lillian wanted us to make sure you know how much she appreciates you. She thoroughly enjoys the warm, mouth-watering food delivered directly to her door, as well as the frozen meals she can keep on hand in case of emergency. In a sweet handwritten note, Lillian wrote ...



"Hi, nice people! I truly am happy to be getting such great meals — the potatoes, seafood and Italian meals were awesome! All of us truly enjoy the delicious meals during the weekdays. Really wonderful cooks!

~Truly Yours, Lillian"



VOLUNTEERS ARE OUR MOST VALUABLE ASSETS! Volunteers deliver meals from sites in Will, Kendall, Grundy, and south and west suburban Cook Counties, bringing nutritious meals to homebound seniors. During the COVID19 crisis, there was a tremendous outpouring of concern for our seniors and we were able to engage a more diverse group of volunteers than ever before.

Last year, our dedicated volunteers donated over 45,000 hours to serve 6,052 older Americans and persons with disabilities.

And our Volunteers do so much more than deliver meals. Our Wellness Call program puts volunteers in touch with homebound seniors, providing social interaction that is so critical to everyone's well-being. Even though these volunteers are working remotely, they still touch the lives of our seniors in very real, impactful ways. The Volunteer Program continues to look for ways to engage, seniors and in doing so, enrich their lives and the lives of the volunteers who work with them.

Contact our new Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator, Linda Reiter for individual, group, and corporate volunteer inquiries, as well as community outreach opportunities at (312) 207-5290 or by email at Ireiter@cnnssa.org.











Monday through Friday, between 10 AM and 2 PM, a hot meal is delivered by a friendly delivery driver. Each meal is complete with protein, vegetables, fruit, grain, and milk. The menus are approved by a Registered Dietitian to meet 1/3 of the daily recommended intake of nutrients for older adults.

Most meals are delivered by local volunteer drivers. They are the cornerstone of this program. Along with dropping off the meal, they provide a daily wellness check and a quick source of socialization for otherwise isolated older adults. If there is an emergency or status change, our drivers are often the first to see it and report it to the client's emergency contact or to first responders.

Meals on Wheels Foundation of Northern Illinois has recently been expanded to include weekend and second meals for those who have the greatest need. Some of our programs can accommodate special diets for conditions such as diabetes, kidney disease, and heart disease.

# **Congregate Meals**

Our Community Café programs address the need for socialization and nutritional education for older adults who are not homebound. Lunches are served daily in senior centers, churches, community centers, local government buildings, and restaurants. Anyone over 60 years old is welcome to join us for a meal and stay for the daily activities.

Each Café organizes regular events that include special guest speakers, parties, trips, exercise programs like Zumba Gold, and much more.

Café participants have the opportunity to shape the programs and provide regular input via their local Senior Nutrition Advisory Councils (SNAC). These groups meets monthly to discuss activities, menus and fundraising, and to share ideas for improving the programs.





### **Our Programs**

Café Dining

Total Seniors Served	6,052
Home-Delivered	2,882
Café Dining	3,170
Total Meals Served	622,735
Home-Delivered	550,091

Program & Administrative Expenditures \$4,855,307
Expenditures covered by State & Federal Funding \$3,801,908

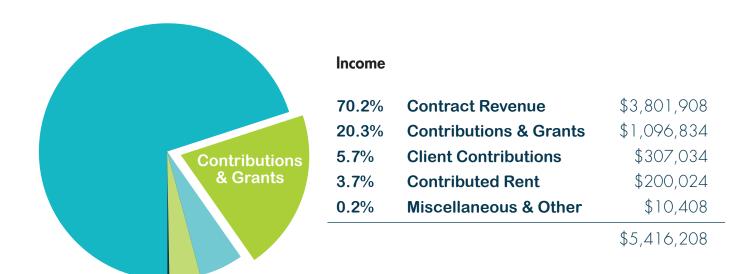
72,644

The state and federal funding the Older Americans Act (OAA) is a very important part of our programs but it does not cover all of the cost. During 2019 30% of our program funding came from private donations, volunteers, and public partnerships. That is just over \$1,500,000 of our program funding!

# 2019 Financial Report

Without the help of our donors, we would not be able to provide services to all of the older adults in our area. We continue to operate without waiting lists due in large part to the generosity of our donors.

### Representing the period October 2018 through September 2019



 Expenses

 83.5%
 Program Services
 \$4,496,013

 6.7%
 Administration
 \$359,294

 9.8%
 Fundraising
 \$528,636

 \$5,383,943



<sup>\*</sup>Compiled from the combined financial statements audited by Sassetti LLC



## 1 IN 4 SENIORS LIVES ALONE

Our nation's senior population is growing exponentially, leaving more and more Americans at risk of hunger and isolation. While hunger and isolation can affect anyone with limited mobility and declining health, financial strain makes them much worse.

7.1 million seniors live in poverty — That's an income of \$234 a week or less, which, after housing, utility and medical expenses, leaves very little for food. Older adults living in poverty are nearly twice as likely as those living above poverty level to have limitations in their ability to live independently.

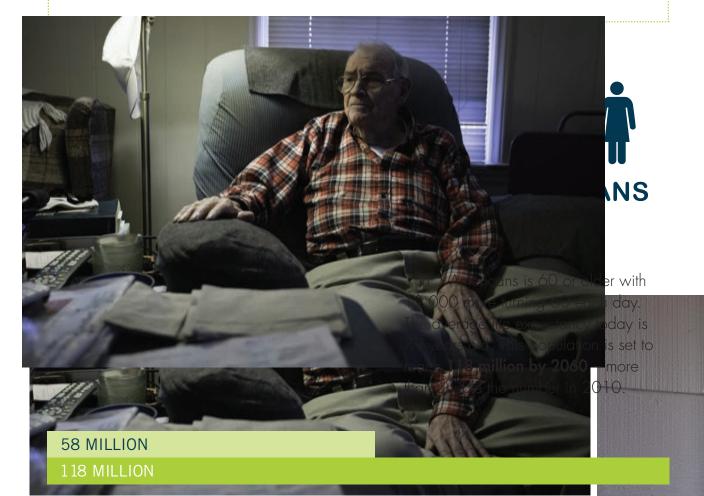






1 In 5 feels lonely and social isolation among older adults is associated with an extra \$6.7 Billion in Medicare spending each year.

Among seniors, the additional Medicare expenditures associated with social isolation are similar to the amounts associated with having high blood pressure or arthritis.



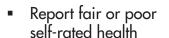


The economic burden associated with malnutrition in seniors

These threats from aging not only jeopardize the health and well-being of older adults, they also place a significant strain on our country's healthcare system and economy. Meals on Wheels is the only federally supported program designed specifically to meet the nutritional and social needs of seniors, yet this successful public-private partnership remains significantly under the nutritional and social needs of seniors, yet this successful public-private partnership remains significantly under the nutritional and social needs of seniors, yet this successful public-private partnership remains significantly under the nutritional and social needs of seniors, yet this successful public-private partnership remains significantly under the nutritional and the nutritional senior seni

support for our seniors no even greater social and econsequences later.

And we know that seniors wai to receive Meals on Wheels of home are more likely to



- Report not having enough money to buy food they need
- Report recent falls or fear of falling that limits ability to stay active
- Screen positive for depression

Require assistance with



icare spending is disproportionately intrated on older adults with multiple conditions and/or functional limitations 5% of Medicare beneficiaries



8 out of 10 low income, food insecure seniors are not receiving the home-delivered or congregate meals they likely need.



account for 40% of spending.

Among older adults who have difficulties daily activities, **2 OUT OF 3** receive limite no home- or community-based care

Information data sources available at www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/fact
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We're in your community! If you or an older adult you know needs helps, please let us know at 312-207-5290.

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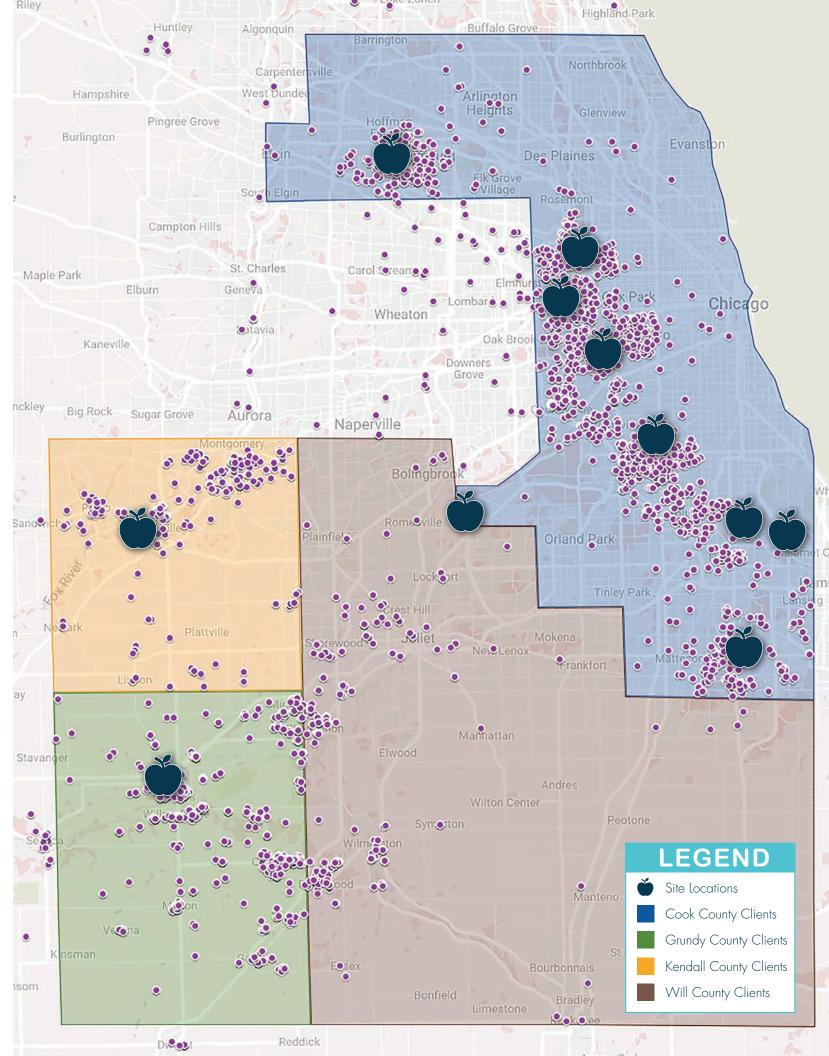
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