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MEALS ON WHEELS EXPERIENCING DELAYED ENROLLMENT

RACINE COUNTY— Racine County Human Services provides essential support and resources for older adults through the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). This includes vital food programs like Home-Delivered Meals and Senior Dining Sites.

These programs offer much more than a meal. Each visit provides nutrition, a safety check, social connection, and peace of mind. For many older adults, these meals are a lifeline that helps them stay healthy and independent at home. Unfortunately, demand for these services continues to grow across the country, while federal and state funding has not kept pace. That's why we need community support now more than ever.

Racine County receives federal funding through the Older Americans Act (OAA) for two nutrition programs:

- Title III-C1: Senior Dining (Congregate Meals)
 - Supports meals served in group settings, like our local senior dining sites. The good news: Racine County currently has enough funding to maintain and even expand this program for seniors who can attend a dining site.
 - Visit <https://www.racinecounty.com/departments/hsd/aging-behavioral-health/adrc/services/senior-nutrition> to find a location near you.
- Title III-C2: Home-Delivered Meals (Meals on Wheels)
 - Provides meals delivered directly to older adults' homes, including carry-out and frozen options. This program is where we face the greatest funding challenges—there simply aren't enough resources to meet the growing need.

Racine County Impact

Across Racine County, nearly one in five residents is age 65 or older, and many live alone. In 2024, our nutrition programs served approximately 95,734 home-delivered meals and 5,435 congregate meals.

Because of limited funding, 117 older adults are anticipated to enter a waitlist for home-delivered meals starting January 1st, 2026.

Local Support Makes a Difference

Your donation helps us deliver more meals—and more hope.

Local contributions can also unlock matching federal funds, multiplying the impact of your gift and keeping essential services in place.

Your contribution directly supports meal delivery for older adults in Racine County.
Volunteer: Drivers and meal helpers are always needed—just a few hours a week can change lives.

To donate, volunteer, or learn more:

Contact: <https://www.racinecounty.com/departments/hsd/aging-behavioral-health/adrc/services/senior-nutrition>

Call: 262-833-8766

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