### What We Deliver

2023 Impact

## Nourish

Meals on Wheels

### It starts with the meal...



- 550 hot, nutritious meals a day
- 400 frozen meals each weekend
- 875 breakfasts each week
- 200 bags of groceries each month

201,707 Home Delivered Meals

Served in 2023



### **Our Mission:**

To enrich the lives of older (60+) and homebound adults in South-Metro Denver by providing nutritious meals and services that promote dignity, well-being, and independence.

### but is truly so much MORE

Isolation fades with the ring of each doorbell and our volunteer's familiar smile. These visits offer a connection to the community and a sense of security and comfort knowing that someone is checking on them.

#### Of home-delivered meal participants:



agree our program allows them to remain independent in their home



said our services make them feel less lonely and isolated



agreed home delivered meals provide healthier food than they can prepare themselves



said our services reduce their level of stress

"It's not just a meal to feed my body, it feeds my soul. Being remembered makes my life better." - Ortencia

80% reported increased their energy and helped to maintain a healthy weight

93% have an overall improved quality of life

95% rated the quality of the hot entrees as good to excellent

Source: Nourish Annual Client Survey - March 2022

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### In the United States...



In 2021, one in eight older adults (age 60+) experienced hunger in the United States.

- Source: Feeding America, 2023, The State of Senior Hunger in America in 2021,

### Before the pandemic, 7.7 million (age 65+) were socially isolated.

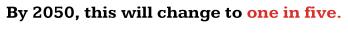
- Source: Cudjoe et al., 2020, "The Epidemiology of Social Isolation: National Health and Aging Trends Study," The Journals of Gerontology: Series B, https://doi.org/10.1093/geronb/gby037

U.S. Surgeon General, Vivek Murthy, calls loneliness a crisis on the order of obesity or smoking, with even greater consequences for health. Loneliness increases the risk of stroke by 32%, heart disease by 29%, odds of dementia go up by 50%.

### In Colorado...



One in seven Coloradans (13.8%)







By 2030, the Denver Metro Area's population of adults age 75+ is expected to increase 94%.

Source: DRCOG's Community Assessment Survey

By 2050, the number of older adults in Colorado is expected

to double to 1.7 million.

That's more than the current populations of Denver, Colorado Springs, and Aurora combined.



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