Celebrating 50 Years of the Older Americans Act Nutrition Program



# NORTH CAROLINA BENEFITS

For 50 years, the Older Americans Act (OAA) Nutrition Program has ensured older adults have affordable and nutritious meals. The program promotes socialization and reduces food insecurity.



### In North Carolina:

- Nearly 46,500 older adults receive meals.<sup>1</sup>
- An estimated 5 million meals are served each year.<sup>2</sup>



The OAA Nutrition Program is available to more than 2.3 million people ages 60+ in North Carolina.<sup>3</sup> An estimated 7.7 percent of older adults in North Carolina are food insecure.<sup>4</sup>





North Carolina receives nearly \$15.2 million<sup>5</sup> to provide services through 182 local programs.<sup>6</sup> Nationally, the vast majority of participants say the program improves their health and independence.<sup>7</sup>





#### Need Support?

To find nutrition services for older adults in North Carolina, go to <u>www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/aging-and-adult-</u> <u>services/nutrition-congregate-and-home-delivered-meals</u> or call 919-855-3400. Celebrating 50 Years of the Older Americans Act Nutrition Program



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