

FY2021 Annual Report



Celebrating 50 Years

In 2021, we celebrated 50 years of serving the Beloit community. We invited the community to help us recognize our volunteers and celebrate this wonderful milestone at the new ABC Supply Stadium. Thank you to our generous sponsors who stepped up to the plate and made this event possible.

Who We Are

Mission Statement

Beloit Meals On Wheels provides daily nutritious meals and information to promote dignity and independence to the homebound elderly, ill and disabled.

History

Beginning July 12, 1971, the Beloit Meals On Wheels program initiated its history of service to the homebound elderly, ill and disabled residents of the Greater Beloit area who were unable to prepare meals for themselves. Today, we continue to serve a broad spectrum of clientele. We meet their varied needs – be it on a short-term basis while recuperating from an illness or surgery, or long-term as a more permanent means of nutritional support.



37,229 meals served
226 seniors served

Delivering More Than Just Meals

There has never been a more critical time to get involved and volunteer. Our nation's senior population is growing exponentially. 1 in 5 American's is 60 years and older with 12,000 more turning 60 each day. This population is set to reach 93M in the next decade, with 118M expected by 2060 – increasing the number of seniors today by more than half. This will leave more American's at risk of hunger and isolation.

Every day our volunteers deliver meals, along with friendly visits and safety checks to those who need them most. As important as the meal delivered is the fact that, for many seniors, the volunteer who delivers it is the only person they may see that day. The delivery isn't just about nutrition; it's about the moments of human connection that nourish the senior and the volunteer alike. Spread the word about the need or bring a new friend to volunteer.

Home Delivered Meals

Around the noon hour, nutritious meals are delivered by caring volunteers, 365 days a year, including holidays.

Services Provided

4% increase in total meals served

16% increase in clients electing the extra cold evening meal option

8% increase in total clients served

57% are veterans or spouses of veterans

80% live at very low to extremely low income levels

76% of clients are 70 years or older

76% of clients are unable to fully contribute to our meal costs

Average client length of stay is 532 days

Resources & Support: We provide information and assistance with food resources, county resources, caregiver support and education, and much more to clients and their families.

Volunteers

Every month, volunteers deliver almost 3,100 meals across the Greater Beloit area. We could not operate without the help of volunteers who deliver more than just a meal. They donate their time, vehicle, a friendly smile and safety check to those who need it most. It's the connections made that bring meaning into the lives of our seniors that make our program so important.

505 Active Volunteers

31,662 Total Miles Driven

7,220 Total Hours Donated

6.5% Increase In Driving Hours

10 Routes

21 Corporate Partners

2021 Volunteer Hours Summary

Administrative, Board, Committee	<u>Hours</u>
Involvement, Fundraising & Marketing:.....	1,145
Meal Delivery:	6,075
	Grand Total 7,220

Value of Volunteer Time - Independent sector estimates \$28.54 per hour for service in 2021. This equals **\$206,059 worth of volunteer time!**

Board of Directors & Leadership Team

Beloit Meals On Wheels is overseen by a dedicated Board of Directors who monitor the effectiveness of programs and services; ensure adequate financial resources; and advocate on behalf of Beloit Meals On Wheels. Our leadership team oversees the daily operations that support client services, volunteer efforts and donor relations.

Board Members

Chuck Wilson – President • Ed Hansen – Vice President
 Amy Lokrantz – Co-Treasurer • Beth Quinn – Co-Treasurer
 Marilyn Thomas – Secretary

Clinton Anderson • Craig Mellem • Danny Sawyer
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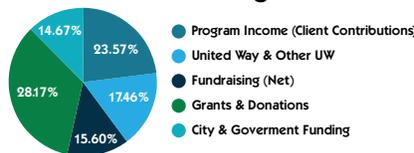
Leadership Team

- Ellen Wiegand – Executive Director
- Zosia Lounsbury – Volunteer Program Assistant
 - Amy Mumm – Program Assistant
- Lyndsay Weberpal – Weekend Program Assistant

Financial Summary

Beloit Meals on Wheels is supported by client contributions; federal and state funding; donations from individuals, businesses, civic groups, churches, and private foundations. We are also a funded partner of United Way Blackhawk Region.

2021 Contributing Revenue



2021 Expenses



Ongoing Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound effect on older adults in the United States and has increased the need for services and resources for this population. Since the pandemic began in March 2020, Beloit Meals on Wheels has had to shift our services and strategies to meet an increased demand for meal services in order to help older adults stay healthy and to continue living independently. We are grateful that we have not had a disruption of our service thanks to the support of the community and our dedicated volunteers. The pandemic has shown a growing epidemic of isolation and hunger with seniors, and how a simple meal provided by Meals on Wheels can create positive ripple effects across these senior's lives. We supplement their nutrition by providing shelf-stable emergency meals, and implemented a new program called Care Calls for Clients. This new program is a telephone check-in to help provide a reassurance telephone call from friendly volunteers to help reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation. This shows that Meals on Wheels delivers more than just food. The socialization, companionship, and check-in's mean just as much.

Total Fund Raising \$78,802

100 Area Businesses & Individuals Donating Raffle Items

Mushing for Meals 10k & 5k Run/Walk rescheduled for Sat., June 26, 2021. We had 39 sponsors who supported this fundraiser