

2024 Report to the
Service Delivery Committee of the
Commission on Aging
MILWAUKEE CHRISTIAN CENTER
DINE OUT PROGRAM
MANAGEMENT



Please share a success from the second half of 2024.

One of the successes in the second half of 2024 has been seeing the real impact of our Dine Out initiative. This program has given our older adults the freedom to enjoy nutritious, culturally diverse meals at local restaurants, bringing dignity, choice, and connection to their dining experience. A total of 1,504 unduplicated older adults from throughout the county have participated, with most hearing about the program through word of mouth, showing just how valued and needed this initiative is. We've heard incredible stories from diners who feel a renewed sense of independence, excitement, and community through this program.

During the holiday season, restaurant owners went above and beyond by creating even more joyful experiences, playing games, giving out gift card prizes, and even hosting karaoke to bring entertainment and cheer. Many older adults have shared how much they appreciate the opportunity to enjoy familiar flavors in welcoming spaces, alongside friends and family. Beyond just providing meals, Dine Out has created moments of joy, strengthened social bonds, and deepened our relationships with local restaurants, reinforcing the importance of food as a source of both nourishment and belonging.





Please share a challenge from the second half of 2024.

A challenge we faced in the second half of 2024 was the discontinuation of two restaurant partners from our Dine Out initiative. Unfortunately, one restaurant closed its doors, and the other faced funding limitations that made it difficult to continue participating in the program. Losing these partnerships created a gap in the diversity of options we were able to offer to our older adults.

While these setbacks were challenging, they also prompted us to explore new partnerships and strengthen our existing relationships with other local minority owned restaurants, ensuring we continue to provide a wide variety of meal choices and maintain the program's success.





Report on second half of 2024 Performance Objectives

	Goal/Actual
Objective 1: Attract and Serve an average of 8 new diners of color per month	48/91





Funding Summary

- Total Agency Budget -\$5,635,620
- ADS funding amount - \$45,000
- Percentage of agency budget – .9%
- Contract spending - \$26,662



Please share one service improvement or planned change for the beginning half of 2025.

For the first half of 2025, we are excited to share that we have initiated discussions with two potential restaurant partners to join our Dine Out initiative. This expansion will not only help us fill the gap left by previous partners but also enhance the variety and cultural diversity of meal options available to our older adults. We look forward to finalizing these partnerships and continuing to offer an enriching dining experience that fosters community and connection for our older adults.

