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DINING FROM A DISTANCE: LOCAL RESTAURANTS TO HELP SENIORS DURING COVID-19 OUTBREAK

Yorkville – A new Racine County Senior Nutrition initiative will provide another meal option for homebound seniors while giving restaurants an opportunity for additional business during the COVID-19 outbreak.

The Racine County Senior Nutrition program is seeking to contract with approximately 12 local restaurants to provide delivered and curbside meals to seniors who are homebound due to COVID-19 social distancing requirements. The meals will be funded through the federal Families First Corona Response Act and federal CARES Act, which provides supplementary funds for nutrition programs during COVID-19. These funds and the restaurant initiative are in addition to the Senior Nutrition Program's existing Meals on Wheels and congregate programming.

"This initiative is a win-win: it provides another option for homebound seniors who would otherwise have difficulty accessing meals, and it supports our great local restaurants that have been impacted by COVID-19 -- all while maintaining social distancing requirements to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Racine County," County Executive Jonathan Delagrave said.

"Racine County Aging and Disability Resource Center staff has been working extremely hard to ensure services to seniors are not disrupted during the COVID-19 pandemic. We're excited to provide this unique opportunity for our seniors and local restaurant owners."

Selected restaurants will be required to provide nutritious meals Monday-Friday between 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., with between 50-100 meals expected each day. Restaurants can apply by visiting www.surveymonkey.com/r/69Y6DHY.

Seniors age 60 and older in Racine County can register for the Senior Nutrition Program by calling (262) 833-8766. A donation of \$3 is suggested. Donations to this program can be made directly to the Senior Nutrition Program.

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