

## Perceptions of Aging Survey Results

- Sent to Orange County Department on Aging listserv of approximately 1,000 people and all county employees
- Completed by 260 people
- 77.4% of respondents were from Orange County
  - 53.6% from Chapel Hill
  - 16.7% from Hillsborough
  - 5.7% from Cheeks
  - 32.7% lived in Orange County for more than 20 years
  - 21.5% lived in Orange County for 10-20 years
- Race/ethnicity
  - 88.2% White
  - 5.2% Black/African American
  - 1.4% were Asian
  - 97% Non-Hispanic and 3% Hispanic
- Gender
  - 80.4% female
  - 19.6% male
- Age
  - 21.3% less than 50 years old
  - 13.0% were 56-60 years old
  - 19.9% 66-70 years old
- Marital Status
  - 65.3% married
  - 14.1% single.
- Income
  - 53.8% retired
  - 4.8% earn under \$19K
  - 16% earn \$20-39K
  - 22.3% earn \$40-59K
  - 16% earn \$60-79K
  - 17.6% earn \$80-99K
- “Imagine that you, one of your parents, or another loved one is turning 60 or older. To what extent do you think that the following opportunities for community engagement are important for older adults in Orange County?”
  - Recognizing the contributions of older adults: **79% rated essential or very important**
  - Promoting intergenerational activities: **73% rated essential or very important**
  - Providing a range of opportunities for volunteering: **83% rated essential or very important**
  - Participation of older adults as leaders: **79% rated essential or very important**
  - Offering a welcoming environment for diverse groups: **77% rated essential or very important**
  - Participation in creative art activities: **74% rated essential or very important**