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Metro Action to Serve over 200,000 free meals to Youth this Summer

USDA Summer Food funding helps feed children normally served by free/reduced lunch program

Nashville, TN—Today marks the second week of the Metropolitan Action Commission (MAC) Summer Food Service Program. The agency began providing free breakfast and lunch meals to summer camps, community centers and academic youth programs at the beginning of the month.

Programs qualify if they are in the same area of a local school that serves children that qualify for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Free and Reduced Lunch Program based on their household income.

During the school year, nutritious meals are available through the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, but those programs end when school ends for the summer. Metro Action has certified 92 locations throughout Davidson County to serve children, ages 5-18 at any of its participating sites.

“Through the grant we are able to provide nutritionally balanced meals for children, which fills the meal gap that some children my experience when school is out,” said Marvin D. Cox, director of Metro Action Community Programs.

Each week the agency prepares an average of 5,000 breakfast meals and 22,000 lunch meals. At the end of the 8 week program, the agency expects to have served over 44,800 breakfast meals and 183,800 lunch meals.

“We are really excited about this program because it allows summer camps and community centers to put their resources into academic instruction and other activities for the children and not be worried about the cost of providing meals for the children they serve,” said Cox.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is the single largest Federal resource available for summer meals to children. Meals are available to any youth ages 5-18 years old at the following locations:

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2008 Summer Food Service Program Sites

14 th Avenue Baptist Church	18 th Avenue Enrichment Center	1 st Baptist Church-South Inglewood
AAOC @ St. Vincent DePaul Church	Abundance Academy	Antioch Recreational and Community Center
Backfield in Motion @ MBA School	Bellshire Elementary School	Bethlehem Center
Brookmeade Elementary School	Charles Davis Foundation Camp Peace @ Metro Center	Moves and Grooves Summer Camp
Chadwell Elementary School	Morgan Park Community Center	Mt. Zion Baptist Church Summer Camp
Charter Village Apartments	Child Care Alliance Recreational School	City of Life Program @ Cathedral of Praise
Cleveland Park Community Center	Coleman Park Community Center	Cumberland View Apartments
Dalewood Elementary School	Camp Peace @ University School of Nashville	Doc Shelton Basketball Camp @ MLK Magnet School
Easley Park Community Center	East Park Community Center	Edgehill United Methodist Church Brighter Days Enrichment Program
Faith, Hope and Love Church	FH Jenkins School	Friendship Outreach Community Center
Gower Elementary School	Greater Grace Community Church	Spruce Street Baptist Church
Hadley Park Community Center	Hadley Park Tennis Camp @ Hadley Park	Hartman Park Community Center
Hattie Cotton Elem. School	Warner Elementary School	Caldwell Elementary School
Hermitage Community Center	Hickman Elementary	J.E. Moss Elementary School
Juvenile Court Truancy Reduction Program @ 16 th Avenue	Juvenile Court Truancy Reduction Program @ University Court	Kayne Avenue Baptist Church
Kirkpatrick Community Center	Lee Chapel Church	Little Hearts Summer Camp
LSR Summer Enrichment Church Camp	McCabe Community Center	McFerrin Community Center
Madison Community Center	McKissack Elementary School	Glenn Enhanced Option Elementary School
McGruder Family Resource Center	Mt. View Elementary School	Napier Community Center
Mt. Bethel Baptist Church	Norman Binkley Elem. School	Parkwood Community Center
New Hope Baptist Church Enrichment Camp	Preston Taylor Community Center for Creative Arts	Preston Taylor Community Church Ministry
Precious Ones Summer Camp	Rejoice School of Ballet @ Edgefield Baptist Church	South Inglewood Community Center
Read to Achieve @ Jackson Street Church of Christ	Sevier Park Community Center	Shelby Park Community Center
Salama Urbab Summer Enrichment Camp	St. John's Baptist Church Summer Camp	Stars with Grace Summer Camp @ Gallatin Road
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St. Ann's Church	Taylor Stratton Elementary School	Temple Church Summer Camp
Tusculum Elementary School	THRUST Camp @ Fisk University	The Village Cultural Arts Center
Village Learning Center –Old Hickory	Village Learning Center-Stewards Ferry	Westwood Baptist Church
Whitsett Elementary School	West Park Community Center	World of Wonder Day Camp
YMCA Fun Company @ Cumberland Elementary School	YMCA Fun Company @ Dan Mills Elementary	YMCA Fun Company @ Martha Maddox
YCAP @ Russell Street	Z. Alexander Looby Community Center	

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