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Metro Action to Provide Free Meals to Summer Youth Programs and Community Centers

Nashville, TN—The Metropolitan Action Commission (MAC) is accepting applications for the 2009 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) for Davidson County. These sites will be responsible for serving breakfast and lunch to any child, up to age 18 years, beginning June 1 through July 31.

Local organizations such as churches, community centers, summer school programs, summer camps or any other group that will serve children for any length of time during the summer are encouraged to submit an application. The SFSP allows summer youth programs to provide free meals to young people as well as the surrounding community, which offsets the overall operating cost of their program.

The program targets facilities located in or near low income areas where at least 51% of the population qualifies for free or reduced meals during the regular school season.

“The objective of the program is to provide nutritionally balanced meals for children during the summer months that otherwise would go without a meal during the day,” said Marvin D. Cox, director of MAC Community Programs.

Last year Metro Action supplied meals to 92 sites, however the agency anticipates that more children will utilize community centers and other locations during the summer due to the economy. “We hope to increase to at least 100 sites this year to accommodate the additional youth that are expected to utilize the meal service program,” said Cox.

Last year the Summer Food Service Program supplied 170,221 lunches and 41,332 breakfast meals.

Organizations can obtain an application at our main Metro Action office, located at 1624 5th Avenue, North or by visiting our website at www.nashville.gov/mac.

Applicants may also call 615-862-8860, Extension 131. Applications are currently being accepted.

Metro Action receives federal funding for the SFSP from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service through a grant with the Tennessee Department of Human Services.

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