



CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Summer Food Program

Overview

The Summer Food Service Program provides free, nutritious meals to help children 18 and younger in low-income areas get the nutrition they need to learn, play and grow throughout the summer months. Funded by the USDA through the Illinois State Board of Education, breakfasts and lunches are distributed through a network of local community partners, such as churches, schools, and nonprofits in areas that qualify for free and reduced lunch in Cook County. In the summer of 2015, more than 316,000 nutritious meals were served.

Services

Not only does the Summer Food Program provide free, healthy, and nutritious meals to children while school is not in session, the program also allows Catholic Charities to connect the dots and tackle a wide array of issues facing the communities served in the following ways:

- Address the ever-present issue of hunger in communities
- Engage children and youth in physical activities
- Provide nutrition education to help children and their families make healthy choices
- Work in partnership with community agencies, churches, schools, and park districts to provide children and youth with an environment that keeps children safe
- Create jobs for youth ages 16 to 24

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SUMMER FOOD LOCATION CONTACT: (773) 729-3863**

Summer Food Sites

A Summer Food Site is the physical location approved by Catholic Charities where the meals are served during a supervised time period. There are three types of Summer Food sites: open sites, where free meals are available to all children in the community; enrolled sites, where only children enrolled in an eligible program at the site location eat free; and mobile sites, where meals are delivered directly to children in apartment complexes and other community locations, addressing the transportation and access issues that prevent many children from reaching open and enrolled sites.

To participate as a site, the organization/location must:

- Be able to store food appropriately and keep location clean
- Attend a four-hour training session at Catholic Charities
- Supervise meal service and activities at the site
- Complete daily records of meals served
- Give children a safe place to eat a nutritious meal

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