



Media Advisory

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CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK ANNOUNCES FREE SUMMER MEALS FOR CHILDREN

Funded by USDA, meals will be provided to eligible children free of charge.

Washington, DC, 5/13/16 – Summer is a hard time for children who rely on school meals to receive the balanced nutrition they need to thrive. Continuing its commitment to providing access to good food in every community, the Capital Area Food Bank today announced that it will once again provide free summer meals to children throughout the Washington metro area. The Free Summer Meals Program (FSMP), for which the food bank will be an acting program sponsor, is funded by the US Department of Agriculture.

In DC, 86,410 residents struggle to get the food they need; that's 14% of the population, of which 27% are children. Food insecure children are more likely to experience stomachaches, headaches, colds, ear infections, and fatigue. They are sick more often, recover more slowly, and are more likely to be hospitalized.

During the school year, The Capital Area Food Bank operates afterschool and weekend meals programs called Kids Cafe® and Weekend Bag. Both of these programs fill meal gaps, supplementing school-based federal free or reduced price breakfasts, lunches, afterschool snacks and dinners. Meal service is extended in the summertime with many sites offering daily breakfasts, lunches, snacks and suppers. Additionally, the CAFB's Weekend Bag program provides bags of pantry staples and fresh produce for children and their families over the weekend when school is out of session.

Children who are part of households that receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits are automatically eligible to receive free meals. (To be eligible to receive free meals at a residential or non-residential camp, children must meet the income guidelines listed below for reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program.)

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES											
Effective from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017											
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES ANNUAL	REDUCED PRICE MEALS - 185 %					FREE MEALS - 130 %				
		ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY
48 CONTIGUOUS STATES, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, GUAM, AND TERRITORIES											
1	11,880	21,978	1,832	916	846	423	15,444	1,287	644	594	297
2	16,020	29,637	2,470	1,235	1,140	570	20,826	1,736	868	801	401
3	20,160	37,296	3,108	1,554	1,435	718	26,208	2,184	1,092	1,008	504
4	24,300	44,955	3,747	1,874	1,730	865	31,590	2,633	1,317	1,215	608
5	28,440	52,614	4,385	2,193	2,024	1,012	36,972	3,081	1,541	1,422	711
6	32,580	60,273	5,023	2,512	2,319	1,160	42,354	3,530	1,765	1,629	815
7	36,730	67,951	5,663	2,832	2,614	1,307	47,749	3,980	1,990	1,837	919
8	40,890	75,647	6,304	3,152	2,910	1,455	53,157	4,430	2,215	2,045	1,023
For each add'l family member, add	4,160	7,696	642	321	296	148	5,408	451	226	208	104

Meals will be provided at the following sites and times:

	Address in Washington, DC	Breakfast Time	Lunch/Supper Time	Snack Time
Jubilee Housing Activity Zone	1630 Fuller St NW		12:00 PM-12:30 PM	2:30 PM-3:00 PM
Jubilee Housing Early Start	1650 Fuller St NW	9:00 AM-10:00 AM	12:00 PM-1:00 PM	
Jubilee Housing Teen Renaissance	1631 Euclid St NW	10:00 AM-10:30 AM	12:30 PM-1:00 PM	

*All times approximate and subject to change. For up-to-date information about where to find free Summer Meals, please visit <http://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks>

About the Capital Area Food Bank

The Capital Area Food Bank is the largest organization in the Washington metro area working to solve hunger and its companion problems: chronic undernutrition, heart disease and obesity. By partnering with nearly 450 community organizations in DC, Maryland and Virginia, as well as delivering food directly into hard to reach areas, the CAFB is helping 540,000 people each year get access to good, healthy food. That's 12 percent of our region's mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, sisters, brothers, and grandparents. To learn more, visit: capitalareafoodbank.org, or find the Capital Area Food Bank on Facebook at [facebook.com/CapitalAreaFoodBank](https://www.facebook.com/CapitalAreaFoodBank), and Twitter at [@foodbankmetrodc](https://twitter.com/foodbankmetrodc).

Acceptance and participation requirements for the Program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

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Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

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