

For Immediate Release:

## **WILL SERVE UP GOOD NUTRITION FOR LOCAL CHILDREN THIS SUMMER**

*Bringing healthy summer meals to  
have a healthy vacation and return to school ready to learn*

*children ensures kids*

— This summer, \_\_\_\_\_ will connect children 18 years old and younger with healthy Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) meals at no cost to the child. SFSP is a U.S. Department of Agriculture nutrition program administered in the Lone Star State by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). For the children who rely on school meals during the academic year, these meals offer a source of good nutrition when school is out for the long summer vacation.

\_\_\_\_\_ children need good nutrition year-round so they can learn, grow and succeed in life,” said \_\_\_\_\_. “With nearly 2 million food insecure children living in Texas, these healthy meals are vital to nourishing young Texans during the summer vacation.”

\_\_\_\_\_ is one of the nonprofit organizations partnering with TDA to serve meals across Texas. Families are encouraged to use these three tools to find a meal site anywhere in the state:

- Call 2-1-1 to speak to a live operator
- Visit [www.SummerFood.org](http://www.SummerFood.org) for an interactive site locator map
- Text FOODTX to 877-877

Organizations partner with TDA to serve meals in areas where more than 50 percent of children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals in the National School Lunch Program. Eligible sponsoring organizations include schools, faith-based groups, nonprofit summer camps, government agencies and other tax-exempt organizations. All meal sites must be sponsored by an organization that has a contract with TDA.

Summer food program meal sites help children succeed by providing the nourishment they need to return to school in the fall ready to thrive.

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