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God's Pantry Food Bank to Offer Free Summer Meals for Children

LEXINGTON, Ky. – School may be taking a summer holiday but hunger doesn't. God's Pantry Food Bank is working to make sure that no children in Fayette County go hungry while school is closed this summer by participating in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

The Summer Food Service Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and is the largest federal resource available for local programs that combine mealtime with recreational and educational activities.

"Many school-aged children who receive free and reduced price meals during the school year do not get enough to eat when school is out," said Marian Guinn, chief executive officer for God's Pantry Food Bank. "Through participation in the Summer Food Service Program, God's Pantry Food Bank can expand the free meals offered at our Kids Cafe sites in order to make sure children have access to nutritious meals through the summer months."

Children 18 years and younger can get free meals at any of these God's Pantry Food Bank Kids Cafe locations:

East 7th St. Community Center
Corner of Elm Tree Lane and 7th Street
Monday-Friday, beginning June 9
Closed on July 4
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Manchester Center
522 Patterson Street

Monday-Friday, beginning June 2
Closed on July 4
Breakfast – 7:45 a. m. – 9:30 a.m.
Lunch – 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

West End Community Empowerment Program (WECEP)
498 Georgetown St. in the Black and Williams Center

Monday-Friday, beginning June 2
Closed on July 4
Breakfast – 7:00 – 8:30 a.m.
Lunch – 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Shiloh Baptist Church
237 East 5th Street

Monday-Friday, June 23-June 27
Supper – 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

God's Pantry expects to serve more than 10,000 meals at these sites this summer. Meals are provided to all children without charge. 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.

Any person who believes he or she has been discriminated against in any USDA-related activity should write immediately to the persons who believe they may have been discriminated against in the Summer Food Service Program should write to the USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, 20250-9410 or call 202-720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 USC 200d and 7 CFR part 15.

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The mission of God's Pantry Food Bank is to reduce hunger in Kentucky through community cooperation making the best possible use of all available resources. We serve 50 counties of central and eastern Kentucky and distribute \$10 worth of food for every \$1 donated. Last year God's Pantry Food Bank and its member agencies distributed more than 13 million pounds of groceries to more than 159,000 individuals. God's Pantry Food Bank is a member of America's Second Harvest, the Nation's Food Bank Network. Through community partnerships and distribution of food to 50,000 agencies, America's Second Harvest collectively works to assure that people in need have access to a balanced diet. For more information visit us at <http://www.godspantry.org/> or www.secondharvest.org.