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Maryland Food Bank to Deliver 180,000+ Healthy Meals to Children Through Summer Club Program

BALTIMORE – With schools coming to a close this month, the Maryland Food Bank (MFB) will begin operating its Summer Club Program in late June to help bridge the gap for children who will lose access to the free or reduced-priced breakfast and lunch programs they rely on during the school year. MFB Summer Clubs will provide roughly 180,000 meals at more than 55 sites across central Maryland and the Eastern Shore, ensuring Maryland children have access to nutritious food all summer long.

“Our Summer Clubs are instrumental in providing a steady stream of healthy food to kids who might otherwise go hungry during the long summer months,” said Maryland Food Bank President & CEO Carmen Del Guercio. “Between the added costs of child care and an already over-extended food budget, we know many families have a tough time making ends meet during the summer. But with the help of Summer Clubs, kids all over Maryland can stay on track and return to school in the fall ready to learn.”

MFB Summer Clubs are held at recreation centers, faith-based organizations, and other agencies with strong ties to the community and a variety of activities that keep kids engaged during the summer, when crime rates historically rise. These Summer Clubs are part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Summer Food Service Program, which provides low-income children free breakfast and lunches that adhere to strict USDA guidelines. Most of these meals will be prepared in the food bank’s Charles T. Bauer Community Kitchen using fresh, locally-sourced ingredients, ensuring kids get the nutrients needed to stay healthy throughout the summer.

See below for eligibility guidelines and a list of 2019 MFB Summer Club sites.

About MFB Summer Clubs

The Maryland Food Bank’s Summer Club program provides breakfast and lunch for children who traditionally rely on free and reduced-price school meals programs during the school year. Summer Clubs are located strategically in low-income communities at schools and community-based organizations like the Boys & Girls Club. With support from Giant Food, MFB School Pantries, Supper Clubs, and Summer Clubs provide children with the nutrition needed to grow healthy and strong – in school, after school, and out of school.

About the Maryland Food Bank

The Maryland Food Bank is a nonprofit hunger-relief organization, leading the movement to end hunger throughout Maryland. For 40 years, the Maryland Food Bank has partnered with communities across the state to distribute food to individuals and families in need. Through carefully-crafted programs, the food bank aims to meet the immediate needs of Marylanders while simultaneously working to find long term ways to reduce hunger statewide. Currently distributing more than 102,000 meals per day - over 37 million meals annually - the Maryland Food Bank will continue to expand its efforts until hunger ends. To learn more about the Maryland Food Bank, visit www.mdfoodbank.org.

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The Maryland Food Bank is participating in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Meals will be provided to all eligible children free of charge. Children who are part of households that receive benefits through the Food Supplement Program or Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) 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 in the National School Lunch Program.)

SFSP INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

(Effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019)

Household Size	Reduced-Price Meals		
	Year	Month	Week
1	\$22,459	\$1,872	\$432
2	30,451	2,538	586
3	38,443	3,204	740
4	46,435	3,870	893
5	54,427	4,536	1,047
6	62,419	5,202	1,201
7	70,411	5,868	1,355
8	78,403	6,534	1,508
For each additional family member add...	\$7,992	\$666	\$154

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.

MFB Summer Club meals will be provided on a first come, first served basis at the following sites and times:

Anne Arundel County:	Start Date:	End Date:		Breakfast Time:	Lunch Time:
Glen Burnie B&G	6/24/2019	8/23/2019	M-F	9:00AM-10:00AM	12:00PM-1:00PM
Glen Learning	6/24/2019	8/31/2019	M-F	9:30AM-10:00AM	12:30PM-1:30PM
Eastport Community Center	6/24/2019	8/16/2019	M-F	8:30AM-9:30AM	12:00PM-1:00PM
Newtown 20	6/24/2019	8/16/2019	M-F	8:30AM-9:30AM	12:00PM-1:00PM
Robinwood Community Center	6/24/2019	8/16/2019	M-F	8:30AM-9:30AM	12:00PM-1:00PM
Admiral Oaks	7/1/2019	8/23/2019	M-F	9:00AM-10:00AM	12:00PM-1:00PM
Bates B&G	7/1/2019	8/23/2019	M-F	9:00AM-10:00AM	12:00PM-1:00PM
Bywater B&G	7/1/2019	8/23/2019	M-F	9:15AM-10:15AM	12:15PM-1:15PM
Freetown Village	7/1/2019	8/23/2019	M-F	9:00AM-9:30AM	12:00PM-1:00PM
Heritage Overlook	7/1/2019	8/23/2019	M-F	9:00AM-10:00AM	12:00PM-1:00PM
Meade Village	7/1/2019	8/23/2019	M-F	9:00AM-10:00AM	12:00PM-1:00PM
Stanton Community Center	7/1/2019	8/23/2019	M-F	9:00AM-9:30AM	12:00PM-1:00PM
First Baptist Church Summer	7/2/2019	8/2/2019	M-F	8:30AM-9:30AM	11:45AM-12:45PM

Baltimore City:	Start Date:	End Date:		Breakfast Time:	Lunch Time:
Baltimore Center Stage	6/17/2019	7/26/2019	M-F	N/A	11:30PM-12:30PM
Act 7 Performing Arts Camp	6/24/2019	8/30/2019	M-F	7:30AM-8:30AM	12:00PM-1:30PM
Carrie Murray Nature Center	6/24/2019	8/30/2019	M-F	8:30AM-9:30AM	12:00PM-1:00PM
Franklin Square Boys & Girls Club	6/24/2019	8/23/2019	M-F	9:00AM-9:30AM	12:00PM-1:00PM

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The Food Project	6/24/2019	8/30/2019	M-F	9:00AM-9:30AM	12:00PM-1:00PM
By Peaceful Means	7/1/2019	8/9/2019	M-F	8:45AM-9:15AM	12:00PM-1:00PM
Harambee Center	7/1/2019	8/9/2019	M-F	8:30AM-9:00AM	12:00PM-12:30PM

Baltimore County:	Start Date:	End Date:		Breakfast Time:	Lunch Time:
Catonsville Summer Playground	6/24/2019	8/2/2019	M-F	9:00AM-10:00AM	12:00PM-1:00PM
IMPROVE (Learning A)	6/24/2019	8/16/2019	M-F	9:00-9:45AM	12:45PM-1:45PM
Kingdom Worship Center	6/24/2019	8/2/2019	M-F	8:15AM-8:45AM	12:15PM-12:45PM
Mars Estates	6/24/2019	8/27/2019	M-F	10:30AM-11:30AM	1:30PM-2:30PM
Middle River B&G	6/24/2019	8/27/2019	M-F	9:00AM-9:30AM	12:00PM-1:30PM
Scotts Branch	6/24/2019	8/16/2019	M-F	9:30AM-10:30AM	12:30PM-1:30PM
Shady Spring PAL	6/24/2019	8/30/2019	M-F	9:30AM-10:30AM	1:00PM-2:00PM
Sweet Potato Kids	6/24/2019	8/17/2019	M-F	8:00AM-9:00AM	11:30PM-1:00PM
Woodlawn Summer Playground	6/24/2019	8/16/2019	M-F	8:30AM-9:30AM	12:30PM-1:30PM
Victory in Jesus	6/26/2019	8/2/2019	M-F	9:15AM-9:45AM	12:15PM-1:15PM
Ailey Camp-Towson	7/8/2019	8/16/2018	M-F	8:30AM-9:00AM	12:30PM-1:00PM

Caroline County:	Start Date:	End Date:		Breakfast time:	Lunch Time:
Laurel Grove Apartments	6/24/2019	8/8/2019	M-TH	N/A	12:00PM- 1:00PM

Carroll County:	Start Date:	End Date:		Breakfast Time:	Lunch Time:
Rise Up- Community Center	6/24/2019	8/30/2019	M-F	N/A	1:00PM-2:00PM

Dorchester County:	Start Date:	End Date:		Breakfast time:	Lunch Time:
Community Behavioral Health	6/24/2019	8/9/2019	M-TH	9:00AM-9:45AM	12:00PM-12:45PM
New Beginnings	7/1/2019	8/23/2019	M-TH	9:00AM-9:30AM	12:00PM-12:30PM
Empowerment Center	7/8/2019	8/15/2019	M-TH	9:00AM-9:30AM	12:00PM-1:00PM

Howard County:	Start Date:	End Date:		Breakfast Time:	Lunch Time:
Bethel Christian Academy	6/24/2019	8/16/2019	M-F	8:00AM-9:00AM	11:30AM-12:30PM
Magic Minds	6/24/2019	8/9/2019	M-F	8:00AM-9:00AM	12:00PM-1:00PM
Rideout Heath Community Center	6/24/2019	8/31/2019	M-F	9:30AM-10:30AM	12:30PM-1:30PM
Roslyn Rise	6/24/2019	8/31/2019	M-F	9:30AM -10:30AM	12:30PM-1:30PM
Youth & Teen Center	7/1/2019	8/21/2019	M,T,W,F	N/A	3:00PM-3:30PM

Queen Anne's County:	Start Date:	End Date:		Breakfast time:	Lunch Time:
Community Behavioral Health	6/24/2019	8/9/2019	M-T-TH	10:30AM-11:00AM	N/A
Sudlersville Family Center	6/24/2019	8/26/2019	M-TH	N/A	11:00AM-11:30AM

Somerset County:	Start Date:	End Date:		Breakfast time:	Lunch Time:
Chesapeake Healthcare- PA	6/24/2019	8/16/2019	M-F	9:00AM – 9:30AM	12:00PM-12:30PM
Maple Shade Crisfield	6/24/2019	8/28/2019	M-TH	8:00AM – 8:30AM	12:00PM-12:30PM
Garland Hayward Youth Ctr.	7/1/2019	8/9/2019	M-F	8:00AM-8:45AM	12:30PM-1:00PM

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It Takes A Village	7/1/2019	8/9/2019	M-F	8:00AM-9:00AM	12:00PM-1:00PM
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Talbot County:	Start Date:	End Date:		Breakfast time:	Lunch Time:
Neighborhood Service Ctr.	6/24/2019	7/26/2019	M-F	9:00AM-9:30AM	12:00PM-12:30PM

Wicomico County:	Start Date:	End Date:		Breakfast time:	Lunch Time:
Community Behavioral Health	6/24/2019	8/16/2019	M-TH	9:00AM-9:30AM	12:00PM-12:30PM
Chesapeake Healthcare-Salisbury	6/24/2019	8/30/2019	M-TH	9:30AM-10:00AM	12:30PM-1:00PM
Maple Shade & Family Services	6/24/2019	8/22/2019	M-W-TH	9:00AM-9:30AM	12:00PM-12:30PM
Parkside Apartments	6/24/2019	8/26/2019	M-TH	N/A	12:00PM-12:45PM
Salisbury Urban Ministries	6/24/2019	8/16/2019	M-TH	N/A	1:30PM-2:30PM
Salvation Army North Lake Park	6/24/2019	8/30/2019	M-F	8:30AM-9:00AM	12:00PM-1:00PM
YMCA Chesapeake	6/24/2019	8/29/2019	M-TH	7:00AM-7:30AM	11:00PM-12:30PM

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