



Press release for Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance and Arkansas No Kid Hungry campaign.
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Be a Summer Food Service Program Sponsor or Site

LITTLE ROCK (February 6, 2014) — The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) ensures that children from low-income families continue receiving nutritious meals when school is not in session. Meals that meet federal nutrition guidelines are provided free to all children 18 years of age and younger at approved SFSP sites. The Arkansas No Kid Hungry campaign is currently recruiting sponsors and sites to participate in the Summer Food Service Program.

Organizations that participate in SFSP as a sponsor will receive weekly reimbursements for the dollars they spend on food to feed children during the summer. Organizations that would like to offer their facilities to sponsors to feed children are also encouraged to participate as “sites,” though they will not be eligible for meal reimbursements.

The Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance works with the Arkansas Department of Human Services Child Care and Early Childhood Education, Health and Nutrition division to increase participation in SFSP in Arkansas through the No Kid Hungry Campaign. The campaign is designed to connect local churches, nonprofits, civic groups and others who are interested in feeding children during the summer with resources to assist them in this mission. Arkansas No Kid Hungry Campaign staff assists new sponsors and sites in navigating through the DHS application process as well as with grant money, outreach efforts and volunteer recruitment. As an added incentive, Share Our Strength, a national organization dedicated to ending child hunger, offers additional monies in the form of grants to authorized sponsors to help build the capacity of their programs. Anyone interested in learning more about participation in the Summer Food Service Program should contact Lindsey Barnett, Out-of-School Program Director at lbarnett@arhungeralliance.org.

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About The Alliance

Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance is the lead partner in Arkansas for Share Our Strength’s No Kid Hungry campaign, which seeks to surround children from low-income families with nutritious food where they live learn and play. The Alliance is a non-profit collaborative network of more than 400 hunger relief organizations across Arkansas including the Arkansas Foodbank in Little Rock, the Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas in Jonesboro, Harvest Texarkana Regional Food Bank in Texarkana, Food Bank of North Central Arkansas in Norfolk, Northwest Arkansas Food Bank in Bethel Heights and River Valley Regional Food Bank in Fort Smith who are dedicated to reducing hunger through direct relief, education and advocacy. We invite you to visit www.ARhungeralliance.org for details on hunger relief programs and volunteer opportunities.

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