



Every Child, Every Day – Summer Hunger Initiative 2007 Cultivate a Child, Grow a Future

During the school year, there are over 21,000 children in Sonoma County that receive Free or Reduced Price school meals. When the summer recess begins, these low-income children are in need of the meals they depend on during the school year.

When school is out for the summer, the Redwood Empire Food Bank (REFB) organizes non-profit, community-based Free Summer Lunch locations and oversees the delivery of lunch from school district kitchens to the sites.

This is the Fourth Year that the REFB has organized sites throughout Sonoma County to offer free Summer Lunch. Last year, the REFB established 29 summer lunch sites and focused on offering activities as a means to draw more children to the sites. This year, we have 40 Summer Lunch sites and our goal is similar. Our focus is to reach as many low-income children as possible by offering fun activities and creating an enjoyable, safe place where children can eat healthy and nutritious meals. REFB believes that for children to thrive they need not only nutritious food but fun, healthy and educational activities. All children need the opportunity to engage with their community in a positive way.

Volunteer help is vital for a successful Summer Lunch program. We are in need of volunteers to serve prepared meals, organize and lead activities at sites, deliver meals to sites and oversee summer lunch sites. With your help, our children will obtain the nutrition they need to return to school healthy and ready to learn.

Get involved in this extremely rewarding experience and make your summer the best ever!

Who to Contact

If you would like to volunteer or need further information, please contact REFB's Outreach Coordinator, Jill Barron at 523-7900 ext. 34 or email jbarron@refb.org.