

GLEANERS

Summer Meals for Kids



During summer months when school is out, additional stress is often placed on families already struggling to meet day to day needs. Suddenly, children home from school need breakfast and lunch – not just dinner. For the most desperate among us, this can mean a time when working parents are juggling the added expenses not just of food, but of child care, back-to-school shopping for fall, and more.

In summer 2018, Gleaners will expand our Summer Meals for Kids program to 16 counties – an increase from the 10 we served last summer. We're also expanding the way we serve these kids, using virtually every opportunity at our disposal to help families bridge the gap when school is out. Specifically:

- **Summer Meals Boxes:**
 - Distributed each month to children and families in 5 counties.
 - In addition, these children will receive a 10 pound bag of assorted fresh, healthy produce.
- **Mobile Pantry "Piggybacks":**
 - Distribute summer meals boxes at existing mobile pantry distributions.
- **Summer Meals Mini-Mobiles:**
 - Visit 3 counties, distributing summer meals boxes and produce.
- **School-Based Pantries:**
 - Remain open and serving during summer months in 9 counties.
 - Distributions include fresh fruits and vegetables.

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