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Food Bank partners distribute ONE MILLION meals to kids in Allegheny County

Duquesne, PA (August 25, 2021) As children continue to face food insecurity, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank's partners have officially provided **one million meals** to children in Allegheny County over the past three years.

In October 2018, the Food Bank began providing meals to over 100 out-of-school-time sites in Allegheny County. The milestone is bittersweet, exposing the critical need for meals for kids in these trying times while also showing how partners have stepped in to meet the heightened need.

"Our partners at out-of-school-time sites have been tremendous, especially since the pandemic began. They continue to show up for kids and ensure that kids receive healthy meals," said Director of Child Nutrition Programs Karen Dreyer.

According to Feeding America the child food insecurity rate right now in Southwestern PA is 21% overall. When compared to 2019, this is a 41% increase.

The one million meals includes meals distributed both in the summer and during the school year.

VIDEO AND SOUND AVAILABLE: <https://youtu.be/NshKqWFQ2Tk>

Soundbite: Karen Dreyer- Director of Child Nutrition Programs Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank