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Summer Youth Cafés launch as schools go on summer break

Pittsburgh, PA (June 11, 2024) Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank (the Food Bank) is excited to promote this year’s launch of the Summer Food Program, known locally as Summer Youth Cafés. A summer youth café is a site where kids can eat free meals when the school year ends. These sites are critical for kids who rely on meals at school during the summer months.

“We know many families are struggling to makes ends meet this summer with higher costs at the grocery store, increasing utility bills and higher housing costs. We want to make sure all families know these sites offer meals to any child, no strings attached,” said Food Bank Director of Child Nutrition Programs Kelsey Gross.

Any child 18 and under can get food at no cost by visiting a Summer Youth Café site. The cafés are offered at a variety of different locations, including local parks, churches, schools, libraries and other gathering spaces.

Summer food sites will look different depending on if the program location offers breakfast, lunch, snacks or even grab and go meals. (please check with your local site to see how they’re serving meals) No registration is required.

To find a site near you, please visit pittsburghfoodbank.org/summer.

In addition, the Food Bank is also encouraging families to sign up for SNAP so they’re automatically enrolled in Pennsylvania’s new SUN Bucks program, which provides additional funds for groceries in the summer months for families. To see if you’re eligible or sign up for SNAP, visit the food bank website or call us at 412-460-3663 ext. 655

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About Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank is a nonprofit organization that distributes food for more than 42 million meals annually across 11 counties in southwestern Pennsylvania through a network of more than 1,000 agencies, partners and programs. The Food Bank was founded in 1980 and is a member of Feeding America, the leading domestic hunger-relief charity in the U.S. For more information on hunger in our region or how to get involved, visit pittsburghfoodbank.org.