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SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK OF ORANGE COUNTY ANNOUNCES RETURN OF ANNUAL FREE SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM TO SUPPORT CHILDREN FACING FOOD AND NUTRITIONAL INSECURITY
Program provides nutritious meals to at-risk children while schools break for summer

IRVINE, Calif. (May 15, 2024) – Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County is pleased to announce the launch of its 2024 Summer Food Service Program, which provides nutritious meals to address food insecurity among children in our community. Starting on May 28, this program will provide free meals to all children throughout Orange County who are 18 years of age and younger—without any eligibility requirements—to ensure they have access to nutritious food while school is out during the summer months. The program will operate at sites throughout the county, providing easy access for families in need. To find the nearest open site, individuals can call 211 or text 898211 to inquire about distribution hours.

“The unfortunate reality is that one in 8 children in Orange County is food insecure. Once the school year ends, the reliable source of nutrition provided by school campuses disappears, increasing their vulnerability,” said Claudia Bonilla Keller, CEO, Second Harvest. “With the continued record levels of inflation, this summer poses even greater challenges for families facing food insecurity.”

Each meal provided by Second Harvest meets the U.S. Department of Agriculture's nutrition guidelines and includes healthy morning and afternoon snacks, as well as lunches consisting of items such as chicken wraps, fruit, milk and turkey sandwiches. The meals are prepared and delivered to distribution sites Monday through Friday by Meals on Wheels Orange County, a trusted local nonprofit organization.

Food and nutritional insecurity early in life can have negative long-term impacts on children's cognitive and socio-emotional development, hindering their productivity and economic potential into adulthood. Second Harvest is committed to providing reliable access to consistent nutrition for at-risk children all year long.

In fiscal year 2022-2023, Second Harvest distributed 36.3 million pounds of food throughout Orange County. Additionally, last summer, 53,957 meals were served to children through our Summer Food Service Program.

“The Summer Food Service Program is essential to the communities it serves as it provides nourishing and healthy meals for children and teens,” said Belinda Rodriguez-Inskeep, Resident Services Regional Manager at Project Access Resource Centers, regarding Second Harvest’s critical program. “It helps families offset their budget by getting access to a complete meal on a daily basis [and] it helps alleviate hunger, improve health and promote overall well-being.”

About Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County

At Second Harvest Food Bank, our vision is an Orange County with food and nutritional security for all. In collaboration with our partners, we provide dignified, equitable and consistent access to nutritious food, creating a foundation for community health. Our partner network includes houses of worship, schools, after-school programs, colleges and universities, senior centers, shelters for the unhoused, soup kitchens and transitional housing facilities, with sites at 362 locations throughout the county. In fiscal year 2022-2023, we distributed 36.3 million pounds of food to an average of 393,000 neighbors in need each month. Approximately 50,000-60,000 pounds of produce is harvested each week at the 40-acre Harvest Solutions Farm in Irvine, a collaboration with Solutions for Urban Agriculture and the University of California South Coast Research & Extension Center begun in August 2021. Second Harvest is a member of the Feeding America network and was named one of Orange County’s 2023 Top Workplaces by the Orange County Register. For more information, visit feedoc.org

Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County Summer Food Site List

Site Name	Address	City	Zip	Summer First Day	Summer Last Day	Days	Lunch Times	Snack Times
Anaheim Independencia	10841 Garza Ave	Anaheim	92804	6/17	7/26	M,W,F	3-3:45pm	
Boys & Girls Club - Rancho Santa Margarita	22232 El Paseo	Rancho Santa Margarita	92688	6/3	6/28	M-F	12-12:30pm	3:30-4pm
Boys & Girls Club - San Juan Capistrano	1 Via Positiva	San Juan Capistrano	92675	6/3	8/9	M-F	12-1pm	3:00-3:30pm
Boys & Girls Club - Santa Ana	950 W Highland St.	Santa Ana	92703	6/3	8/7	M-F	12-12:45pm	3-3:30pm
Boys & Girls Club - South Coast Area (San Clemente)	1304 Calle Valle	San Clemente	92672	6/3	8/9	M-F	11:30-1pm (M,T)	4-4:30pm (M-F)
Boys & Girls Club Aliso Viejo	24671 Via Iglesia	Aliso Viejo	92656	6/3	8/9	M-F	12-12:30pm	3:30-4pm
Boys & Girls Club of Stanton	11050 Cedar St.	Stanton	90680	5/28	8/4	M-F	12-12:30pm	3-3:30pm
Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley - Oak View	17262 Oak Lane	Huntington Beach	92647	7/1	8/12	M-F	12-1pm	4:15-5pm
Buena Clinton Youth & Family Center	12661 Sunswept Ave.	Garden Grove	92843	6/10	7/25	M-Th	12-12:30pm	2:30-3pm
Cathy Torrez Learning Center	201 Bradford Ave	Placentia	92870	6/24	8/22	M-Th	1:30-2pm	
El Modena Family Resource Center	18672 E Center Ave.	Orange	92869	6/24	8/2	T, Th	12:30-1:00pm	3:30-4pm
Girls Inc. - Orange Coast College	2701 Fairview Rd	Costa Mesa	92626	7/8	8/1	M-Th	11:30-12:30pm	10:30-10:45am
Girls Inc. - Samueli	1901 N Fairview St.	Santa Ana	92706	7/8	6/26	M-Th	11:30-12:30pm	10:30-10:45am
Girls Inc. - Santa Ana College	1530 W. 17th St.	Santa Ana	92706	6/3	8/16	M-Th	12-1pm	10:00-10:50am
Haskett Branch Library	2650 W. Broadway	Anaheim	92804	6/11	7/30	M-Th	1-3pm	
Hunt Branch Library	201 Basque Ave	Fullerton	92833	6/3	6/28	M-Th	1-2pm	
KidWorks Cedar Evergreen	1721 Evergreen St Unit B	Santa Ana	92707	6/17	7/3	M-Th	1-1:30pm	3:10-3:35pm
KidWorks Dan Donahue	1902 W Chestnut Ave	Santa Ana	92703	6/17	7/3	M-Th	1-1:30pm	3:10-3:35pm
KidWorks Townsend	817 S Townsend St	Santa Ana	92704	6/17	7/3	M-Th	1-1:30pm	3:10-3:35pm
Miraloma Park Family Resource Center	2600 E. Miraloma Way	Anaheim	92806	6/17	8/23	M-F	1:30-2pm	3:30-4pm
Orange County Educational Arts Academy (OCEAA)	825 N Broadway	Santa Ana	92701	6/17	7/19	M-F	11-12pm	1-2pm
Ponderosa Joint-Use Library	240 E Orangewood Ave.	Anaheim	92802	6/4	7/30	T-Th	4-6pm	
Project Access - Stratford Place	8156 13th St	Westminster	92683	6/24	8/15	M, W	3:30-4pm	

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Project Access - Cherry Orchard	2748 W Lincoln Ave	Anaheim	92801	6/17	8/22	M-Th	1:30-2pm	
Project Access - Crystal View	12091 Bayport St	Garden Grove	92840	6/24	7/29	M-Th	12:30-1pm	
Project Access - Cypress Village	900 N Cypress St, Office #2	La Habra	90631	6/10	7/29	T, Th	4:30-5pm	
Project Access - Hermosa Village	1515 S Calle Del Mar	Anaheim	92802	6/17	8/2	M-F	12-12:45pm	
Project Access - Madison Park	2235 W Broadway	Anaheim	92804	6/10	8/2	M-F	1-2pm	
Project Access - Malabar	9777 Bixby Ave	Garden Grove	92841	6/3	8/7	M-W	12:30-1pm	
Project Access - Park Vista	1305 N Wren St, Unit B	Anaheim	92801	6/17	8/2	M-Th	3-3:30pm	
Project Access - Pradera	130 N Citrus Rd	Anaheim	92805	6/17	8/1	M-Th	12-12:30pm	
Project Access - Triada	616 N Lacy St	Santa Ana	92701	6/10	7/29	M-F	3-3:30pm	
Project Access - Vintage Crossings	712 E South St Unit 100	Anaheim	92805	6/17	8/1	M-Th	12-12:30pm	
Project Access - Warwick Square	780 S Lyon St	Santa Ana	92701	6/17	7/29	M-Th	12:30-1pm	
Project SHUE	8200 Westminster Blvd	Westminster	92683	6/18	8/8	M-F	12:30-1pm	
St. Joseph	608 Civic Center Dr E	Santa Ana	92705	6/17	7/19	M-F	12:30-1pm	3:15-3:30pm
Stanton Family Resource Center	10660 Western Ave	Stanton	90680	6/24	8/2	M-F	12:15-12:45pm	10:30-11am
Sycamore Junior High School	1801 E Sycamore St	Anaheim	92805	6/3	6/27	M-Th	11-12pm	
Tustin Family & Youth Center	14722 Newport Ave	Tustin	92780	6/4	8/2	M-F	12:30-1pm	3:30-4pm
Whitten Community Center	900 S Melrose St	Placentia	92870	6/17	8/16	M-F	12-12:30pm	
YMCA - Kinoshita	2 Via Positiva	San Juan Capistrano	92675	6/3	6/28	M-F	11:45-12:45pm	2:30-3:30pm
YMCA - Loma Vista Elementary	13822 Prospect Ave	Santa Ana	92705	6/4	8/9	M-F	11:30-12:30pm	2:30-3:00pm
YMCA - Maple Center	701 S Lemon St	Fullerton	92832	6/3	8/2	M-F	12:30-1pm	3-3:30pm
YMCA - RH Dana	24242 La Cresta Dr	Dana Point	92629	6/3	6/28	M, T, Th, F	12-12:30pm	9-9:30am
YMCA - Viejo	26782 Via Grande	Mission Viejo	92691	6/3	6/28	M, T, Th, F	12-12:30pm	9-9:30am
Youth Centers of Orange - Friends Church	426 W Almond Ave	Orange	92866	6/17	8/16	M-F	12-12:30pm	3:30-4pm

*Dates and distribution times subject to change and holiday closures. Please contact 211 of Orange County to confirm.

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