**TEMPLATE FAITH-BASED BULLETIN INSERT**

***Note:*** *Customize this template Faith-Based Bulletin Insert to announce the start of your summer meals program and highlight the program in your community. See the “*[*Outreach Tactics*](http://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/summer-meals/outreach-tactics)*” section of the Sodexo Foundation Summer Meals Outreach Toolkit for more tips.*

**FREE FOOD, FRIENDS AND FUN SERVED UP ALL SUMMER LONG - SPREAD THE WORD!**

"I have the audacity to believe that people everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for the minds and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits."***— Martin Luther King, Jr.***

Today, more than 16 million kids are at risk of hunger and they are at an even higher risk in the summer. A problem of this magnitude underscores the moral and ethical dilemma our society faces with this growing problem and requires the need to respond with care and commitment to justice.

When school’s out, that means families can’t count on their kids eating meals at school, and already tight family food budgets have to be stretched even further. Summer is also a critical time for kids and teens’ academic and physical development.

Free summer meals are available to kids and teens across [CITY/STATE] who come to a summer meals site in the community. During these tough economic times, free summer meals can help families save money and stretch their already tight summer food budgets. Many summer meals sites offer fun learning and recreational activities so kids and teens can eat a healthy meal while staying active and being with friends.

* Meals are **FREE to children and teens ages 18 and younger**
* Food served at summer meal **sites follows USDA nutrition guidelines** and are **paid for by the USDA**
* Summer meals sites are at fun, safe places for kids to go such as **schools, churches, community centers and other places**
* May sites offer **learning and recreational activities** that kids of all ages so they can eat, hang out with friends and take part in activities offered
* **Parents don’t need to apply to the program or show proof of income** to get a free summer meal for their kids. They can simply bring their child to a summer meals site in their community.

Summer should be a stress-free time, full of food, friends and fun. Free summer meals can help. Help us spread the word. If you or someone you know is interested, go to WEBSITE or call 1-XXX-XXX-XXX to find a site and learn more or text [SHORTCODE] to 877-877 to find a site near you.