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Alabama Food Bank Association Summer Meals Program Extension

ALABAMA, October 6, 2020 – In Alabama, nearly 400,000 children count on their schools for at least one meal per day. Due to Covid-19, the Alabama Department of Education has adopted USDA Waiver Extensions for the Summer Meals Program. The Alabama Food Bank Association has served as a Summer Meals Program sponsor since 2014 and for the first time in ALFBA history, the Summer Meals Program operated for more than 20 weeks (March 23rd - August 14, 2020), reaching more than 10,000 children and serving nearly \$1 million worth of meals. With many schools operating virtually, the USDA announced that they would be extending the Summer Meals Program through December 31, 2020. The [Alabama Food Bank Association](#) has resumed meal service as of September 14 and will continue to serve meals until December 31 to help bridge the gap for students not attending school in person.

(DETAILS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PROGRAM TO DATE IN 2020)

- ALFBA served 54 community meal sites across 15 counties
- From March - August ALFBA provided 218,195 lunch meals and 215,075 snack meals to children ages 18 and under.
- Our partner meal sites conducted over 1,800 hours of curbside meal service during the heat of summer.
- The Alabama Food Bank Association was able to operate extended Summer Meal Program service through the support of our national partner, No Kid Hungry. To find a meal site near you, text "FOOD" to 877-877. This year, more than 2,000 Alabama families contacted the No Kid Hungry Text Line to find Summer Meals for children.

About Alabama Food Bank Association

The Alabama Food Bank Association works to end hunger by assisting the food bank network in obtaining more food and funds, fostering public awareness of the food banks' mission, and creating partnerships to help alleviate hunger in Alabama. Every day, our eight members in Alabama (Community Food Bank of Central Alabama, Feeding the Gulf Coast, Food Bank of East Alabama, Food Bank of North Alabama, Montgomery Area Food Bank, Selma Food Bank, West Alabama Food Bank, Wiregrass Area Food Bank) partner with a statewide network of food donors, emergency food pantries, and soup kitchens to provide food to hungry people. Fighting hunger requires significant funding for every step of the process—from acquiring food, to storing the food, to transporting the food to people in need. Learn more at [alfba.org](#).

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