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FREDERICK COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY ANNOUNCES SITES FOR THE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

FREDERICK, MARYLAND. The **Summer Food Service Program**, operated locally by the **Frederick Community Action Agency (FCAA)**, provides a free lunchtime meal for children and youth who would typically qualify for free- or reduced-price meals through the public school system; pre-school age children can also be served through the program. "When schools are closed for the summer, some children in Frederick County could go without a lunchtime meal if not for the Summer Food Service Program", reported Mike Spurrier, Director of the FCAA. During the summer of 2017, the FCAA served 14,001 meals to children and youth at thirteen (13) different Summer Meal sites in Frederick, Walkersville, and Brunswick. During the summer of 2018, FCAA staff members will be serving meals at nine (9) sites that are open to the public and three (3) summer camp programs. It is estimated that the program may serve as many as 15,000 meals over the course of the summer of 2018.

"The Frederick Community Action Agency (FCAA) is working hard to make sure that all children have access to healthy, nutritious meals this summer", stated Sarah McAleavy, Supervisor of Food and Nutrition Services for the FCAA. The Summer Food Service Program is administered on the federal level by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and in Maryland by the Maryland State Department of Education. Through the Summer Food Service Program, the FCAA will offer a free lunchtime meal to all children up to 18 years of age. Acceptance and participation requirements for the program and all activities are the same for all children. In accordance with USDA regulations, there will be no physical segregation or other discrimination against any child because of race, color, age, national origin, gender, or disability.

KICK-OFF CELEBRATIONS: This year, the FCAA will be sponsoring two (2) **Summer Meals Kick-Off Celebrations** at the following locations:

- Hill Street Park Pavilion – Hill Street, Frederick – Moon Bounces, Ice Cream and lunch being served on Friday, June 22, 2018 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.
- Windsor Gardens Apartments – Key Parkway, Frederick – Moon Bounce, Ice Cream and lunch being served on Friday, June 29, 2018 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE SITES: Beginning Monday, June 18 and continuing through Friday, August 31, 2018, a **FREE LUNCH** will be served Monday through Friday (except Wednesday, July 4th) at the following locations:

Frederick Locations

- Hill Street Park Pavilion, Hill Street – 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- Stonegate Park Pavilion, Andover Lane – 12:00-12:45 p.m.
- College Estates Park, Taney Avenue – 12:15-1:00 p.m.
- PAL Center, Sagner Avenue – 12:00-12:30 p.m.
- Carrollton Park, Center Street – 12:00-12:45 p.m.
- Windsor Gardens Apts, Key Parkway – 12:00-12:30 p.m.
- Mullinex Park – Bentz Street – 12:30-1:00 p.m.

Brunswick Location

- Brunswick Library, North Maple Avenue – 12:15-1:00 p.m. (this site operates from 6/25 through 8/17/2018)

Walkersville Location

- Discovery Community Center, Stauffer Avenue – 11:30-12:30 p.m. (this site operates from 6/18 through 8/17/2018)

The Summer Food Service Program is partially funded by the USDA, but the USDA reimbursements do not cover the entire cost of operating the program. Monetary donations are accepted to help operate the Summer Food Service Program and contributions can be mailed to the FCAA at 100 South Market Street, Frederick, Maryland 21701. Donations are tax-deductible and checks should be made payable to the Friends for Neighborhood Progress, Inc. - the tax-exempt, non-profit corporation that co-sponsors the FCAA.

Through a wide array of programs and services, the FCAA provides food, shelter, medical care, housing, transportation, and other forms of assistance to families and individuals that are lower-income or homeless. The FCAA is sponsored by the City of Frederick and Friends for Neighborhood Progress with support from the Frederick County Government.

For more information about the Summer Food Service Program or any of the services offered by the Frederick Community Action Agency, please contact Mike Spurrier, Director at 301-600-3955 or Sarah McAleavy, Supervisor of Food and Nutrition Services at 301-600-6263. Additional information can also be found on the FCAA's website at www.cityoffrederick.com/fcaa.

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