

# SUMMER MEALS for KIDS

# FINAL SUMMARY 2022

## Why?

- Summer is the hungriest time of year for kids
- No free school lunch option this summer
- Food insecurity is rising
- Identified as a priority by the Carver County Hunger Relief Collaborative
- Generous community interest and support
- Local food shelves didn't have capacity to take on large scale summer programs



## PARTICIPANTS

4,473 families  
7,792 children  
16,808 people

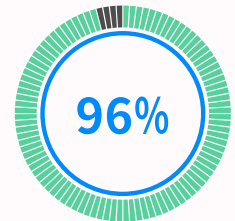
## VOLUNTEERS

150 people  
1508 hours

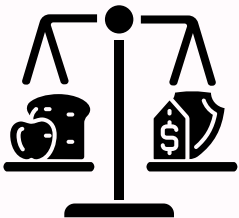


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SITES

CARVER PUBLIC UTILITIES  
CHANHASSEN ELEM.  
CHASKA MIDDLE SCHOOL  
EAST  
CITY OF WATERTOWN  
NYA PAVILION



96%  
said the  
program met  
their food  
needs



80% of  
participating  
families  
experienced  
food insecurity  
in the past 12  
months

76% reported  
needing food  
assistance due  
to recent  
higher prices  
of basic  
necessities

46% of  
families  
experience  
ongoing need  
for food



## SURVEY RESPONSES

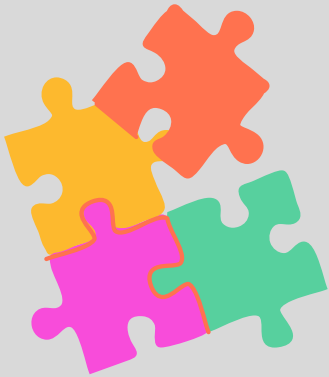
"This program has been amazing. I do hope that this can continue. Has helped out my children (grade schooler and college student) as well as myself"

Super friendly and helpful volunteers. I look forward to coming each week :)

"High prices + limited income. Struggles are very real"

Really enjoyed getting to shop for the foods my family will eat. The chicken was super helpful.

## Partners



- A Better Society
- Bountiful Basket Food Shelf
- Carver County
- Carver County Hunger Relief Collaborative

- City of Norwood Young America
- City of Watertown
- Eastern Carver County School District
- Gather and Grow Food Shelf and Connection Center
- Mi CASA



- Due to strong community request and support, extended the program in NYA through December 2022.
- Will partner with local food shelves to increase capacity and improve services to better meet the needs of the community.
- Will continue to collaborate with hunger relief partners to address root causes of food insecurity.
- Carver County Hunger Relief Collaborative will complete strategic planning in 2023.



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