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Note: in the question “How many people get served?” (page 2), the numbers there are the number of total residents in HHA public housing communities, not the number of people participating in the summer lunch program.

Free Meals for Children

Houston Housing Authority has a program of “free lunch” for children between 1 and 18 years throughout Houston. The program operates during the summer and benefits 55,000 low-income children.

From Mily Durán

Houston.- During the summer starting June 2 through August 13, children from 1 through 18 years of age can receive one free lunch and snack in locations all throughout the Houston area, this is what Susie McMichael, director communications, informed us.

In the community of Fulton Village, located in northeast Houston, neighbors bring their children to get free lunch. From 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., Norma Basurto, who is on the committee for the community, which is under the Houston Housing Authority, said, “what we do is support our community.” In certain needs, such as food or clothing we also have activities for the elderly. We have movie nights, bingo and dinners for the children. If someone has an issue, we try to help them out,” said Basurto.

Free Meal for All

This program is offered only during the summer for children, said Basurto. The lunch is from 11:00 a.m. until 1 p.m. from Monday through Friday, which comes in a box ready to eat. The lunch includes a sandwich, a fruit, milk and a juice

This program also includes a cold snack from 3 to 4 p.m., which includes crackers and a juice.

How much food is distributed each day?

Every day someone has to call and order the food, depending on how many children participate. Any child can come and eat lunch here, not only the children that live in the property, but all the children that need a lunch.

How do you inform the community of what is offered?

We have passed out fliers and announced this information as well as the locations on TV and word of mouth from our neighbors.

Do the children have to register to eat lunch? Or how does it work?

No they just need to show up to the locations where the lunch is provided.

What is the age group of the children that mostly show up?

Between 6 through 15 years of age.

How many people volunteer?

I have about 7 to 8 parents that take turns in our property.

Pure solidarity!

This program is sponsored from Houston Parks and Recreation department until August 13, 2010

How many people get served?

All throughout Houston, about 55,000 people, and in the 25 communities about 6,500 families

What ages?

It is only for children 1 until 18 years of age.

Locations?

These are some of the locations were the children can come to eat for free.

Locations and phone numbers:

Clayton Homes 713-223.4442
Cuney Homes 713-748.4973
Ewing Apartments 713-522.9844
Fulton Village 713-228.9722
Forest Green Townhomes 713-635.5779
Lincoln Park 281-445.0570
Long Drive Townhomes 713-643.8232
Irvington Village 713-224.1948
Kelly Village 713-228.2461
Historic Oaks of Allen 713-651.1250
Heatherbrook 713-694.6655
Wilmington House 713-733.5630
Victory Place 713-529.8773
Oxford Place 713-884.8235