



The mission of Connecting Kids To Meals, Inc. (formerly known as Feed Lucas County Children) is to provide hot, nutritious meals at no cost to children in low-income and underserved areas throughout the entire year. As a nonprofit organization, we fulfill this mission by partnering with schools, libraries, churches, parks and community organizations during the summer months and throughout the academic year. Since we began operating in 2002, we have served over 5 million meals to combat childhood hunger. Last year alone, we provided nearly 500,000 meals to at-risk kids. Connecting Kids To Meals has three primary programs:

As part of the **Summer Meal Program**, Connecting Kids To Meals partners with summer sites where enrichment activities are taking place. We are a sponsor of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), a USDA program designed to provide healthy meals to kids for free. The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is the state agency responsible for oversight of the program here in Ohio. Last summer, we partnered with 116 sites and provided about 6,000 hot, nutritionally balanced meals each day. We trained hundreds of individuals to serve meals at various times throughout the day. This summer, we had 135 partner sites and served about 7,000 meals daily.

Summer Meals



Connecting Kids To Meals is a sponsor of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Under the **Afterschool Meal Program**, we provide and serve hot, nutritious meals to children enrolled in afterschool programs located in low-income and underserved areas. Children receive hot meals at no cost during their enrichment activities that enables them to focus and learn at their maximum capacity. For this past academic year, we provided about 1,700 hot, nutritionally balanced meals to children each day at 45 afterschool sites. We are anticipating having 55 sites this year and serving nearly 2,000 meals daily.

Afterschool Meals



Our **Year-Round Shelter Meal Program** is our newest program to address childhood hunger among the homeless population. We partner with area emergency shelters and provide hot, healthy meals to the kids residing at the shelters. This eases the financial burdens on both the families living at the shelter as well as the shelters who are trying to use their resources efficiently. Through this program, our nonprofit can provide up to three (3) healthy meals to kids each day.

Year-Round Shelter Meal Program



In May, 2017, we began operating in our new joint kitchen that we built with Cherry Street Mission Ministries. Thanks to funders like the state of Ohio, Mercy Health Foundation, The Anderson Charitable Foundation, the Lucas County Commissioners, the Toledo Lucas County Port Authority, and several other supporters. While in the new kitchen, we have increased our production output by over 127,000 meals.

As part of our sustainability model, we formed a for profit entity, Meals Inc., which is the social business enterprise of Connecting Kids To Meals. This entity vends meals to charter schools. A portion of the revenues is then used to off-set the costs of operating our summer and afterschool programs. To fill the gap in funding that nonetheless exists, Connecting Kids To Meals applies for grants, and receives donations corporations and individuals. Every single dollar matters in that every \$.20 helps to get a healthy meal to a child.