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### *Food That's In When School Is Out 2010 Summer Food Service Program Begins*

**Rockford** - The City of Rockford Human Services Department, along with Lifescape Community Services, announces the beginning of the 2010 Summer Food Service Program to be held at over forty sites in the Rockford area this year. The Summer Food Service Program offers meals and snacks at sites offering summer activities for children, ensuring that proper nutrition continues throughout the summer months. The City of Rockford Human Services Department manages the program, and Lifescape Community Services is the vendor for the meals and snacks.

During the school year, many children receive free and reduced-price breakfast and lunch through the School Breakfast and National School Lunch Programs. Hunger is one of the most severe roadblocks to the learning process. Lack of nutrition during the summer months may set up a cycle for poor performance once school begins again. Hunger also may make children more prone to illness and other health issues. The Summer Food Service Program is designed to fill that nutrition gap and make sure children are kept nourished and engaged.

The Summer Food Service Program sites include non-profit organizations, schools and local recreation centers. These sites are either in close proximity to a school where over 50% of the children receive free or reduced lunch, or the sites serve a group of children where most of them are from low-income families. The Summer Food Service Program enables these sites to offer nutritious lunches and snacks to children from ages 2 to 18 as part of their summer programming. Please contact individual sites for program details. The site list is attached.

The Summer Food Service Program is a federally funded program operated nationally by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and administered by the Illinois State Board of Education. It is the largest federal resource available for local programs that combines mealtime with recreational and educational activities.

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## 2010 Summer Food Sites

All Faith Community Center 2904 - 18 <sup>th</sup> St. Rockford	Orton Keyes Community Center 633 Ranger St. Rockford
Barbour Language Academy 1506 Clover Ave. Rockford	Wilson Aspire 520 N. Pierpont Rockford
Beattie Playground 1221 Rural St. Rockford	Patriots Gateway Center 615 – S. 5 <sup>th</sup> St. Rockford
Beyer Elementary School 333 – 15 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Rockford	Pentecostal Center 4747 W. Riverside Blvd. Rockford
Blackhawk Boys and Girls Club 330 – 15 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Rockford	Rockford Boys & Girls Club/Our Savior's Luth. Church 3300 Rural St. Rockford
Booker T. Washington Center 524 Kent St. Rockford	Rockford Boys & Girls Club/2 <sup>nd</sup> Congregational Church 318 N. Church St. Rockford
Carlson Boys and Girls Club 1028 Evans Ave. Loves Park	Rockford Environmental Sciences Academy 1800 Ogliby Rd. Rockford
Churchill Park 2002 – 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Rockford	Rockford Park District at Ellis Arts Academy 222 S. Central Ave. Rockford
Carlson Elementary School 4015 Pepper Dr. Rockford	Rockford Park District at Lewis Lemon Elementary 1993 Mulberry Rockford
Ellis Arts Academy 222 S. Central Ave. Rockford	Rock Valley College Upward Bound Program 3301 N. Mulford Rd. Rockford
Fairgrounds Valley 1015 W. Jefferson St. Rockford	Rolling Green Elementary/Muhl Center 3615 Westgate Parkway Rockford
Fairview Early Childhood Center 512 Fairview Ave. Rockford	Salvation Army Citadel Corps Community Center 210 Kilburn Ave. Rockford
First Evangelical Covenant Church 316 Wood Rd. Rockford	St. Elizabeth Community Center 1536 S. Main St. Rockford
Flodin Boys and Girls Club 1000 Mill Rd. Rockford	St. Paul Church of God in Christ 1001 Bishop Washington Ave. Rockford
Grace Lutheran Church 343 Grand Ave. Loves Park	Summerdale Elementary School 3320 Glenwood Ave. Rockford
Harlem Community Center/Marquette School 8500 Victory Lane Machesney Park	Washington Park Recreation Center 3617 Delaware St. Rockford
Harlem Community Center/Summer Fun Camp 900 Roosevelt Rd. Machesney Park	YMCA 200 Y Blvd. Rockford
Ken Rock Community Center 3218 – 11 <sup>th</sup> St. Rockford	YMCA Camp Winnebago 5804 N. Main St. Rockford
Keye Mallquist Park 1702 – 11 <sup>th</sup> St. Rockford	YMCA Teen Reach at West Middle School 1900 N. Rockton Ave. Rockford
Life Center 921 W. State St. Rockford	Zion Lutheran Church 925 – 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Rockford
Northwest Community Center 1325 N. Johnston Ave. Rockford	