



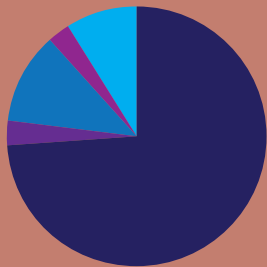
**A special report on  
initiatives to fight childhood  
hunger in summer 2019**







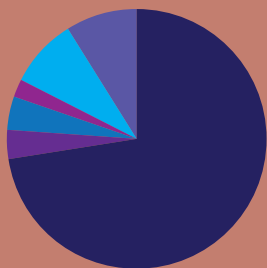
The **Summer Weekend Meals Program** provides take-home food for children attending Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) sites to eat over the weekend, when SFSP sites aren't open. In summer 2019, we partnered with 34 SFSP sponsors to distribute take-home weekend meals (two breakfasts, two lunches, and two dinners) to about 10,000 children each week, for 600,000 meals total.



Food: \$920,243  
 Packing Materials: \$38,900  
 Packaging Labor: \$140,000  
 Delivery: \$32,820  
 Administrative: \$110,293  
**Cost Per Meal: \$1.5337**  
**Total Program Cost: \$1,242,256**

\$31,524 in Delivery and \$3,152 in Administrative was not reimbursed

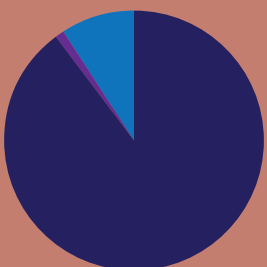
The **Summer Rural Delivery Meals Program** targets children in rural, underserved areas where SFSP sites don't exist or where kids may not be able to access a site. In 2019, we partnered with 10 organizations to distribute a week's worth of kid-friendly, shelf-stable lunches, as well as breakfasts, lunches, and dinners for over the weekend, to about 4,400 children each week, for 484,000 meals total.



Food: \$685,549  
 Packing Materials: \$35,708  
 Packaging Labor: \$38,500  
 Delivery: \$21,590  
 Administrative: \$80,935  
 Direct Cost to Sites: \$82,190  
**Cost Per Meal: \$1.4164**  
**Total Program Cost: \$944,473**

\$16,243 in Delivery, \$1,624 in Administrative, and \$54,178 in Direct Cost to Sites was not reimbursed

The **Mobile Farmers Market Program** provides fresh fruits and vegetables and popular protein items to families with children participating in the Summer Weekend or Summer Rural Delivery Meals Programs. In 2019, we distributed 334,632 pounds of food at just 48 cents per pound.



Food: \$161,843  
 Delivery: \$2,018  
 Administrative: \$16,386  
**Cost Per Pound: \$0.4836**  
**Total Program Cost: \$180,247**

The Governor's Summer Meals Programs work to address gaps left by inadequate federal child nutrition programs that don't meet the needs of all of Ohio's families. Since their inception in 2012, the programs have served tens of millions of meals to hundreds of thousands of Ohio children. Governor Mike DeWine and his Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives have continued Ohio's commitment to its underserved, food insecure children.





# Governor's Summer Meals Programs



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**We have partnered with the Corporation for National and Community Service to place AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associates across Ohio since 2009. In our 11th year of partnership, we deployed 62 AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associates at 32 locations, including summer meals programs for kids, community gardens, and more.**

Many of our VISTA Summer Associates serve at Summer Food Service Programs and work on preparing and serving meals, developing menus, implementing educational and recreational programming, introducing new foods and planning nutrition education, mentoring and supporting at-risk children, and encouraging more children in need to visit their sites for healthy meals. In 2019, our Summer Associates helped their sites to serve **405,377 meals** and **48,809 snacks** to food insecure Ohio kids. They even helped to recruit nearly **2,500 new participants!**

“Thank you, ShareCorps, for making this summer possible. Because of you, kids in our economically challenged community were able to not only have free lunches, but start their day off with a healthy breakfast and go home after having a healthy snack. **This means that they received three fruits and three vegetables a day!** Our VISTAs not only helped serve the meals, but they also helped expand our meal service to include the service of snacks and breakfast all summer long. The programs that they offered attracted youth and made it a fun place to spend their summer.” *Lodi Family Center*



ShareCorps members also recruited more than **600 volunteers** and implemented more than **90 new processes and procedures** to help their sites carry out their missions to address childhood hunger and other food access disparities. They even harvested nearly **8,400 pounds of produce** from community gardens at their sites!

“Our VISTAs increased the capacity of this important community landscape by developing innovative new gardening practices that have impacted the garden’s yield while also educating community members about unique strategies for growing their own food. The VISTAs turned recycled pallets into effective and productive growing units, restored vertical gardens to increase our capacity to grow more herbs in small spaces, and educated community members how to safely grow food in small containers. **It was the most productive summer yet** at the garden.” *Otterbein University Community Garden*

There are so many other ways that our **VISTA Summer Associates make an impact** during their terms of service. They provide the capacity that nonprofits, faith-based organizations, schools, libraries, and other organizations need to make their programs and services available to vulnerable children and families.

“Not only were we able to increase the number of meals we served by 920, but we were able to increase the number of days we served and added breakfast to our service. **We could not have increased our offerings without a VISTA member.** From receiving deliveries to handing out meals to organizing local volunteers, our VISTA was professional, prompt, and a complete asset to our team. She was even able to connect some kids with a local performing arts group, where the kids are thriving and their souls are being fed, not just their stomachs.” *Loudonville Public Library*





# AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associates



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### Summer Weekend Meals Program Sponsors

Adams-Brown Counties Economic Opportunities  
City of Cleveland  
COAD/RSVP of the Ohio Valley  
Community Action Committee of Pike County  
Community Action Organization of Scioto County  
Dayton Public Schools  
Elgin Local Schools  
Freestore Foodbank  
Fremont City Schools  
Highland County Community Action Organization  
Ironton Lawrence County Area Community Action  
Kenton City Schools  
Marion City Schools  
Heart Reach Neighborhood Ministries  
New Lexington School District  
Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission  
Reynoldsburg City School District  
Ross County Community Action Commission  
Salvation Army of Middletown  
Second Harvest Food Bank of Clark, Champaign and Logan  
SE Ohio Foodbank & Kitchen  
Stark County Community Action Agency  
TLC Ministries  
University Hospitals  
Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM)  
Washington-Morgan Community Action  
Washington St. Upward Bound  
YWCA of Van Wert County

### Summer Rural Delivery Meals Program Sponsors

Adams-Brown Counties Economic Opportunities  
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Community Action Committee of Pike County  
Country Neighbor Program  
Freestore Foodbank  
Meigs Local School District  
The Potter's House Ministries  
Ross County Community Action Commission  
SE Ohio Foodbank & Kitchen  
St. Francis Evangelization Center

### Mobile Farmers Market Program Sponsors

COAD/RSVP of the Ohio Valley  
Community Action Committee of Pike County  
Community Action Organization of Scioto County  
Elgin Local Schools  
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### AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associate Host Sites

Camp Chabad  
City of Bedford Heights  
Cleveland Heights Library  
COAD/RSVP of the Ohio Valley  
Community Action Commission of Belmont County  
Community Action Council of Portage County  
Community Roots  
Cornerstone Christian Fellowship  
Community Building Institute (CBI) Middletown  
Food for Thought  
Greater Cleveland Food Bank  
The Hardy Center  
Homeless Families Foundation  
Lodi Family Center  
Loudonville Public Library  
Mid-Ohio Foodbank  
Neighborhood Ministries  
Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission  
Oberlin Community Services Council  
Otterbein University Community Garden  
Ohio University Kids on Campus  
The Potter's House Ministries  
SON Ministries - Upper Arlington Lutheran Church  
Thea Bowman Center  
TLC Ministries  
Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank  
The University Church  
Viola Startzman Clinic  
Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM)  
Washington-Morgan Community Action  
YMCA of Greater Dayton





## Made possible thanks to our partners

"Our VISTA members opened a new summer meals site at the fairgrounds we have been trying to get for years. Through our community dinners and produce giveaways we served an additional 494 people. We really appreciate the opportunity to work with the ShareCorps members. We live in a small area but with a big need. And as a small organization, in order to reach as many kids as we do, we need their help. Thank you again! Without the VISTA members we would never be able to reach as many hungry kids as we do." *TLC Ministries*





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