

# SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

## **WAYS CHURCHES CAN HELP**

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### **DIRECT PARTICIPATION IN SFSP**

- **SPONSOR**
  - Sponsors **handle the financial and administrative responsibilities**.
  - Sponsors **can sponsor themselves as a site** (like Stewart Memorial AME in Perry, Florida).
- **SITE**
  - Sites **actually hand food out to children**, and keep track of the # of meals served.

### **FACILITIES – allow sponsors and sites the use of**

- **KITCHEN SPACE** - for meal preparation
- **FIELDS, MULTIPURPOSE ROOMS, ETC.** - for youth activities

### **DONATIONS**

- Use **outreach funds, create a fund, or take up cause-specific collections to help SFSP sponsors and sites meet financial challenges**.

### **SERVICES/VOLUNTEERS**

- **VOLUNTEER** – help programs keep down staff costs (**Camp counselors, trip chaperones, cooks, bus drivers...**)
- **CHURCH VANS** – for transporting kids to meal sites or field trips

### **OUTREACH/PROMOTION**

- **Work with local agencies and organizations** (like the health department, local food pantries, etc.) **to get the word out** about SFSP sites.
- **Announce SFSP availability at local sites in church bulletins & announcements.**
- **Have youth group (or other church group) go door to door to give out information** about SFSP sites available in the community.

### **POLITICAL VOICE**

- **MS. WILLIE ANN GLENN ACT - keep up with local School Boards to be sure they are complying with the Act** (either by sponsoring within the law's specifications, or formally exempting at a public school board meeting)
- **POLICY – when legislation that improves SFSP is being considered, organize members to make calls or visits to ask legislators to support the bill.**