

When the school year ends, so do school meals.

It's a sad fact that, right here in the United States, lunch at school can be the only real meal some kids get all day long. Today, food insecurity is so widespread that it affects 1 in 8 children nationwide and 1 in 5 children in Oklahoma.



It is estimated that
1 in 5
children in Oklahoma is now
food insecure.

With the Summer Feed & Read Program, **Feed the Children helps provide nourishing meals throughout the summer** to children who can't access the school meals they rely on during the rest of the year. It's also designed to fight "summer slide" (a seasonal decline in reading ability) by providing books and other educational support in partnership with community organizations.

With your donation, we will provide nutritious, shelf-stable meals based on the recommendations of the USDA's MyPlate guide and including at least one serving of each of the following:

- protein
- fruit
- milk
- vegetables
- grains

We will distribute these meals through our established network of **community partners** who host area children for mealtimes and learning activities at locations close to where they live. In addition to meals, each partner will receive **books, essentials and additional resources** to be distributed during the program.

It's all free of charge for the kids, their families and community partners. Just think of what that could mean to so many kids this summer! And don't forget to ask us about any **volunteering opportunities** that may be available for you or any of your employees.

