



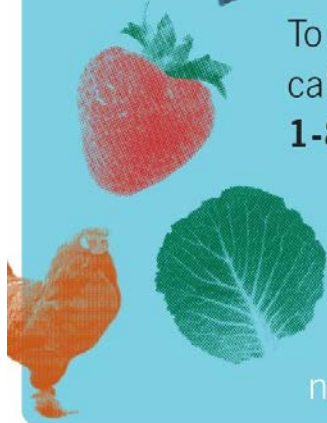
USDA National Hunger Hotline

The New York City Coalition Against Hunger is now operating the USDA National Hunger Hotline. The hotline is a resource for individuals and families seeking information on how to obtain food.

During summer months, the hotline provides information about meal sites where children 18 years old and under can get free, nutritious meals through the USDA Summer Food Service Program. The USDA National Hunger Hotline staff also connects callers with emergency food providers in their community, government assistance, nutritional assistance programs, and various services that promote self-sufficiency.

The hotline can be reached at 1-866-3-HUNGRY or 1-877-8-HAMBRE (for Spanish) from Monday through Friday (8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET).

FIGHT HUNGER *with* SUMMER MEALS



To find your local Summer Meals site, call the **USDA National Hunger Hotline** at **1-866-3-HUNGRY** or **1-877-8-HAMBRE** for Spanish

- Monday-Friday, 8AM-8PM EST
- Open to children 18 and under
- NO enrollment, NO cost

nyccah.org/usdanationalhungerhotline



Be A Summer Meals Champion!

Take advantage of **webinar sessions** where you will be provided with the **latest resources**, funding information, policy updates, technical guidance, **best practices**, highlights and **success stories** from around the country, and many other great tools to **make your Summer Meals Program ROCK!**

Upcoming Sessions

[Summer Meals: Transitioning to After School Meals](#)

Wednesday, AUG 5th 2015 - 2:00pm - 3:00pm EST

2015 Summer Meals Sites Now Available!

USDA Summer Meals sites for 2015 are now available at

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks>

National Commission on Hunger

The National Commission on Hunger is tasked with a mandate to effectively use

existing programs and funds to address domestic hunger and food insecurity; and reduce need for government nutrition assistance programs, while protecting the safety net for the most vulnerable members of society. The Commission is tasked with submitting its recommendations to Congress and the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture by October 2015.

The Commission will be holding hearings across the nation this summer. You can view our Food Action Board member Nermin Tadros' testimony at [the recent hearing in Albany here](#).

[Check here for upcoming hearings across the nation.](#)

National Best Practices

The Anti-Hunger & Opportunity Corps, a national anti-hunger service program of the NYC Coalition Against Hunger, will have 90 hunger fighters at locations across the nation this summer! In New York City the team is already hard at work conducting outreach on summer meals.

2015 Summer Associate Alex Mendelson said, "The best feeling is informing people who know kids or have kids about the accessibility of the Summer Meals program and knowing that that very action is doing work both on a very local, and on a very national, scale."

"One of the most rewarding experiences I had this summer working as an Americorps Vista with NYCCAHA was working with a volunteer who had been a participant in summer meals when she was a child. She is now in her late twenties and I was able to glean from her the impact summer meals can not only have on a child's summer but their life." -Emily Ralston, 2015 Summer Associate

"The best part about doing outreach is realizing that you can be feeding thousands more people who truly need this service by increasing public awareness. My favorite part of media outreach about the hotline is seeing the stories being published in towns all across the country. I have faith that at least somewhere a family is learning about a resource that can truly improve their lives." -Christina Mirka, 2015 Summer Associate



VISTAS conducting outreach in New York City, July 2015.

Volunteer with NYCCA and be a Part of the Anti-Hunger Movement!

Help spread the word about our anti-hunger hotline and how people can access federal nutrition benefits and lend your skills to help anti-hunger agencies' meet client's needs by volunteering with NYCCA. You can help members of your community while being part of a nationwide movement to end hunger. Our volunteers focus on nutrition program outreach and skills-based activities with local emergency food programs.

To volunteer email volunteer@nyccah.org

Learn more at hungervolunteer.org

Voluntario

Poner fin al hambre a través de Servicio al Ciudadano Sea parte del Movimiento de Lucha contra el Hambre ! Ayudar a difundir la palabra acerca de cómo las personas pueden acceder a los beneficios federales de nutrición y prestar sus habilidades para ayudar a las necesidades de los organismos de lucha contra el hambre ' se reúnen de los clientes por el voluntariado con NYCCA . Usted puede ayudar a los miembros de su comunidad sin dejar de ser parte de un movimiento nacional para acabar con el hambre . Nuestros voluntarios se centran en las actividades de difusión del programa de nutrición y las habilidades basadas en con programas de alimentación de emergencia locales . Para ser voluntario volunteer@nyccah.org correo electrónico Obtenga más información en hungervolunteer.org



Over fifty volunteers promoted summer meals throughout Brooklyn and Manhattan in

collaboration with the band Dispatch and their anti-hunger tour: DISPATCH-HUNGER, on July 11th, 2015.

Become a Civic Corps Volunteer and Work Directly with NYCCA

About NYC Civic Corps

The NYC Civic Corps, an AmeriCorps program run by NYC Service, unites a diverse group of professionals to serve full-time with partner organizations, working to increase organizational capacity to engage volunteers, build sustainable volunteer initiatives, and directly serve community members. Apply now: <http://bit.ly/civiccops!>

NYC Civic Corps Member Benefits:

- Monthly living stipend of approximately \$1,200 (pre-tax)
- Basic medical plan
- \$5,730 Segal AmeriCorps Education Award upon completion of program
- Child care voucher (if income eligible)
- Student loan forbearance or deferment on eligible loans while in service
- Monthly professional development opportunities

Contact AMelpolder@nyccah.org during your application process to potentially be able to work directly with The NYC Coalition Against Hunger during your term of service.



A RESOURCE FOR EMERGENCY FOOD PROVIDERS

This newsletter is intended to serve as a resource for our network of Emergency Food Providers. To submit information for future issues, contact Magen at mallen@nyccah.org.

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