

Press Release

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\$1.4 Million Dollar Grant Funds H.P.A.R.D.'s After-School Meal Program Offers Free Snack & Meal for Area Youth At 76 Sites *PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO YOUTH AGES 1 TO 18*

Mayor Annise Parker and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) are happy to announce that the After-School Meal Program will be offered at 76 sites across Houston this year. The After-School Meal program is funded by a \$1.4 million grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture (T.D.A.) Child and Adult Care Food Program (C.A.C.F.P.). Sites were approved by the Texas Department of Agriculture based on T.D.A. eligibility requirements which designate eligible areas as those served by a school in which 50% or more of the children are eligible to receive free or reduced-priced meals.

"We are very excited to be able to offer the After School Meal Program at 76 sites across Houston," said Mayor Annise Parker. "This program helps address the problem of hunger faced by many school age children in the Houston area. No child should have to go without the nourishment needed to fuel their brains for the demands of learning."

The Texas Department of Agriculture C.A.C.F.P. program offers free snacks and suppers to youth ages 1 to 18 who participate in H.P.A.R.D.'s programming or at approved partner sites. This program runs during the school year, September 2, 2014 – May 28, 2015.

"We all remember coming home after school and heading for the refrigerator to see what we could snack on," said Joe Turner, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. "Thanks to this grant, we can make sure that the young people we serve will not go hungry. Our participating community centers and partners will now be able to provide them with free nutritious and healthy snacks and meals."

Young people, ages 1 to 18, will be served a free snack and supper between the hours of 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm Monday through Friday at participating H.P.A.R.D. Community Centers and approved partner sites. H.P.A.R.D. manages the program for the City of Houston and participating sites are sponsored under H.P.A.R.D.

There are no enrollment requirements for the C.A.C.F.P. program. The facility hosting the program must provide educational or enrichment activities, be open to all children, and not limit participation or membership on the basis of the child's ability. H.P.A.R.D. accepts registrations throughout the year from groups interested in becoming an After-School Meal Program site. Interested groups that would like to apply to become an After School Meal Program site should contact Rummeka Allen at (832) 395-7284.

Current participating sites include:

HPARD Community Centers Offering After-School Meal Program

1.	Alief Community Center 11903 Bellaire 77072	25.	J. Robinson, Jr., Community Center 2020 Hermann 77004
2.	Almeda Community Center 14201 Almeda School Road 77047	26.	J. Robinson, Sr., Community Center 1422 Ledwicke 77029
3.	Bessie Swindle Community Center 11800 Scott 77047	27.	Lakewood Community Center 8811 Feland 77028
4.	Beverly Hills Community Center 10201 Kingspoint 77075	28.	Lansdale Community Center 8201 Roos 77036
5.	Burnett-Bayland Community Center 6000 Chimney Rock 77081	29.	Linkwood Community Center 3699 Norris 77025
6.	Candlelight Community Center 1520 Candlelight 77018	30.	Love Community Center 1000 W. 12 th Street 77007
7.	Carverdale Community Center 9920 Porto Rico 77041	31.	Marian Community Center 11101 S. Gessner 77071
8.	Charlton Community Center 8200 Park Place 77017	32.	Mason Community Center 541 S. 75 th Street 77023
9.	Cherryhurst Community Center 1700 Missouri 77006	33.	Meadowcreek Community Center 5333 Berry Creek 77017
10.	Clark Community Center 9718 Clark 77076	34.	Melrose Community Center 1001 Canino 77076
11.	Clinton Community Center 200 Mississippi 77029	35.	Montie Beach Community Center 915 Northwood 77009
12.	Crestmont Community Center 5200 Selinsky 77048	36.	Moody Community Center 3725 Fulton 77009
13.	Denver Harbor Community Center 6402 Market 77020	37.	Platou Community Center 11655 Chimney Rock 77053
14.	De Zavala Community Center 907 76 th Street 77012	38.	Proctor Plaza Community Center 803 W. Temple 77009
15.	Eastwood Community Center 5000 Harrisburg 77011	39.	Sagemont Community Center 11507 Hughes 77089
16.	Edgewood Community Center 5803 Bellfort 77033	40.	Settegast Community Center 3000 Garrow 77003
17.	Emancipation Community Center 3018 Dowling 77004	41.	Shady Lane Community Center 10220 Shady Lane 77093
18.	Garden Villas Community Center 6720 S. Haywood 77061	42.	Stude Community Center 1031 Stude 77009
19.	Godwin Community Center 5101 Rutherglen 77096	43.	Sunnyside Community Center 3502 Bellfort 77051
20.	Hartman Community Center 9311 E. Avenue P 77012	44.	Swiney Community Center 2812 Cline 77020
21.	Highland Community Center 3316 De Soto 77091	45.	Tidwell Community Center 9720 Spaulding 77016
22.	Hobart Taylor Community Center 8100 Kenton 77028	46.	Townwood Community Center 3403 Simsbrook 77045
23.	Independence Hts Community Center 603 E. 35 th Street 77022	47.	Tuffly Community Center 3200 Russell 77026
24.	Ingrando Community Center 7302 Keller 77012	48.	Windsor Village Community Center 14441 Croquet 77085

Other Non-Profit Community Groups Offering After-School Meal Program

1.	Baytown YMCA 201 YMCA Drive 77521	15.	New Covenant Christian Daycare 10603 Blackhawk 77089
2.	Bethel's Christian Academy 14442 Fonmeadow 77035	16.	Northeast YMCA 7901 Tidwell 77028
3.	Community Family Center 7318 Avenue F 77012	17.	Project One Focus 7401 Alabonson 77088
4.	Community Partners 4901 Lockwood 77026	18.	Reeds Preparatory School 12003 Penn C 77532
5.	Haverstock Apartments 5619 Aldine Bender 77032	19.	Red Bluff Kids Inc 5106 Red Bluff 77503
6.	Houston Texans YMCA 5205 Griggs 77021	20.	SHAPE Community Center 3815 Live Oak 77004
7.	Julia C. Hester House 2020 Solo 77020	21.	St. John's Episcopal Church 815 S. Broadway 77571
8.	Kid Fit Christian Academy 12674 Goar 77077	22.	Southwest YMCA 5614 H. Mark Crosswell 77021
9.	KukSool Won Childcare 805 Maplewood 77520	23.	The Greenhouse Learning Center 10614 Sabo 77089
10.	Launch Point CDC #3 9002 Sterlingshire 77078	24.	The Mint Resource Center 6700 S. Dairy Ashford 77072
11.	Launch Point CDC #4 333 Uvalde 77015	25.	The Uhora School 401 Present 77489
12.	Light Christian Academy #2 14415 Fondren 77489	26.	Weekly YMCA After School 7101 Stella Link 77025
13.	Lucille Gregg Elementary 6701 Roxbury 77087	27.	YMCA After School @ M.D. Anderson 705 Cavalcade 77009
14.	M.D. Anderson YMCA 606 Moody #A 77009	28.	Young Scholars Academy 1809 Louisiana 77002

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages over 37,851 acres of parkland and greenspace for the City of Houston and develops and implements recreational programming for citizens of all abilities. For more information on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (832) 395-7022 or visit www.houstonparks.org.