



MEDIA ALERT

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For Immediate Release

High Plains Food Bank Kids Cafe Celebrates Summer July 1st Public Invited for Tours, Program Information, Complimentary Lunch

AMARILLO, TEXAS – June 17, 2019 – High Plains Food Bank Kids Cafe® staff invites community kids, families and friends to celebrate summer Monday, July 1st from noon to 2PM. Celebration will include facility tours, program information and a FREE lunch.

The Kids Cafe® Summer Food Service Program is in full swing, providing hundreds of meals per day. No child should struggle with hunger. Yet, 1-in-5 local children face food insecurity. When school breaks for summer, at-risk children lose the reliability of campus breakfasts and lunches. Kids Cafe helps by providing at-risk children weekday healthy, nutritious meals.

Who: All kids, families and friends

What: Facility tours, program information and free lunch, while supplies last. Hamburgers or hot dogs, French fries, watermelon slices, cake and water will be served on a first-come, first-served basis. Plus, learn about the Gilliland Community Kitchen and Kids Cafe® programs, including [Summer Food Service Program \(SFSP\)](#), the [Child and Adult Care Food Program \(CACFP\) After School Meal Program](#) and more.

When: Monday, July 1st from noon-2PM, come and go

Where: 2199 SE 8th Ave, Amarillo, TX 79102 in the Gilliland Community Kitchen

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About Kids Cafe®

Across the country, Kids Cafe® programs provide free snacks and meals to low-income kids at community locations during afterschool hours to reach and feed more children facing hunger. In 2018, the HPFB Kids Cafe® team prepared and delivered 133,155 healthy meals to local kids at safe sites in schools, daycare facilities and apartment complexes throughout the year. Each day, about 885 kids receive nutritious meals to help them grow learn and thrive. Family members are welcome to join, too. In addition, one Kids Cafe® site serves meals to senior citizens at an apartment complex to provide a consistent healthy meal and socialization to senior residents.

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About High Plains Food Bank

High Plains Food Bank's mission is to alleviate hunger in the Texas Panhandle. HPFB secures, processes, stores and distributes food to more than 190 partner agencies, across the top 29 counties in Texas. These food pantries provide a network to provide food assistance directly to the 1 in 7 local people who struggle with food insecurity, including 1 in 5 children. In 2018, HPFB distributed 8.25 million pounds of food, an amount equal to the all-time record set in 2017.

To combat food insecurity and improve the overall health of clients we serve, HPFB provides a variety of community programs, including: Kids Cafe, Direct Mobile Distribution, a senior adult food program (CSFP), and nutrition education through The Garden at High Plains Food Bank. HPFB can also help individuals with applying for SNAP, CHIP, and Medicaid. In addition to fighting hunger and supporting better health, food banking decreases waste by distributing food that would otherwise go uneaten to people who need it. *High Plains Food Bank is an equal opportunity provider.

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About Feeding America

Feeding America® is the largest hunger-relief organization in the United States. Through a network of 200 food banks and 60,000 food pantries and meal programs, we provide meals to more than 46 million people each year. Feeding America also supports programs that prevent food waste and improve food security among the people we serve; educates the public about the problem of hunger; and advocates for legislation that protects people from going hungry. Visit www.feedingamerica.org, find us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter.

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