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## **YMCA of Metropolitan Chattanooga to provide hundreds of thousands of free meals to children across the region**

**CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (June 6, 2024)** – YMCA of Metropolitan Chattanooga will be serving free meals across 80 sites to children 18 and younger again this year as part of its **Summer Feeding Program**, operated out of both the North Georgia Community and J.A. Henry Community YMCAs.

Meals are available to all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. The meals are provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

- **Catoosa & Walker Counties Site List** (Operated by North Georgia Community YMCA)  
<https://www.ymcachattanooga.org/sites/default/files/2024-05/NGCY%20SFSP%20Meal%20Locations%20Served%205%203%202024.pdf>
- **Hamilton & Bradley Counties Site List** (Operated by J.A. Henry Community YMCA)  
<https://www.ymcachattanooga.org/sites/default/files/2024-05/YMCA%20Summer%20Food%20Service%20Program%20Sites%202024.pdf>

Last year, with the help of volunteers and the support of donors, the Y prepared and served 302,000 healthy meals across 80 sites in Chattanooga, Cleveland and North Georgia. Volunteers are always needed to prepare, deliver, and serve meals and to lead games and activities.

### **Find a Site Near You**

The Y offers a convenient service to locate free meal sites nearby. Text the word "FOOD" to 304304 to find three locations closest to you.

For more information on the Y's Youth Food Programs, including how to get involved, visit <https://www.ymcachattanooga.org/programs/community/youth-food-programs>.

More information on the programs can also be found on social media:

Facebook: [@henryymca](#) and [@ymcanorthga](#)  
Instagram: [@chattfoodfun](#)

### **About the Y**

The YMCA of Metropolitan Chattanooga is a leading nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Founded in 1871, the local Y serves more than 35,000 people across 80 program sites and 12 counties in Southeast Tennessee and North Georgia. The Y mission is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all. With a focus on inclusivity and accessibility, the YMCA provides programs and services that empower individuals and families to thrive. For more information, visit [www.ymcachattanooga.org](http://www.ymcachattanooga.org) or [ymca.org](http://ymca.org) or follow us on social media: **Facebook** [@ChattanoogaYMCA](#), **Instagram** [@ymcachattanooga](#) or **LinkedIn** [@ymca-of-metropolitan-chattanooga](#).

**PHOTO CAPTION:** Student volunteers from New Hope United Methodist Church helped prepare and pack meals during the week of May 27, 2024.



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