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**\$125,000 HARLEY-DAVIDSON FOUNDATION GRANT HELPS FUND MEAL SERVICE IN SCHOOLS, REC CENTERS AND PLAYGROUNDS FOR MILWAUKEE'S YOUTH**

Milwaukee (July 26, 2007)—Kids throughout Milwaukee can eat nutritious summer meals at schools, community centers, parks and playgrounds until the end of August through the Fueling Young Minds summer meals program.

Fueling Young Minds, which provides free meals to children ages 18 and under, will continue meal service until the beginning of the fall school semester, when schools' free- and reduced-price lunch programs resume.

All children can receive free meals at area summer food sites; there's no paperwork or proof of eligibility required. Parents and students are encouraged to dial 211 to find the meal location nearest them—cell phone users should dial (866) 211-3380—and then show up and eat.

"We founded this program in 2004 to ensure that kids could eat free summer meals through the last weeks of August, when service used to shut down," said Sherrie Tussler, Hunger Task Force executive director. "Hunger doesn't take two weeks off before school starts, and neither should our summer meals program. I urge children and parents to dial 211 to find the meals location nearest them."

Summer is a high-risk period for hunger because children are not receiving school meals. This summer, 79 Milwaukee Public Schools have been opened to provide meals. Other meal providers—including the YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, Social Development Commission and Salvation Army—also opened meal sites at recreation centers and playgrounds to ensure service in the areas of highest need.

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