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CHILDREN ABSORB LEAD 5 TO 10 TIMES FASTER WHEN THEIR STOMACHS ARE EMPTY, AND MILWAUKEE KIDS ARE ABSORBING LEAD AT ONE OF THE HIGHEST RATES IN THE COUNTRY.

Lead, a potent neurotoxin, can be present in water, paint or soil/environment. Lead can damage the nervous system when inhaled or swallowed, and women of childbearing age and their children are most at risk. The City of Milwaukee contains a large number of older homes—many of which are painted with lead-based paint—and more than 76,000 of these have lead pipes and laterals.

The Milwaukee Nutrition & Lead Task Force, with Sherrie Tussler as co-chair, is tackling this issue one house at a time. After nearly a year working alongside some of Milwaukee’s—and Wisconsin’s—most knowledgeable lead professionals, the Well Fed Means Less Lead campaign was born. This campaign has created a host of educational materials, including flyers, posters, brochures, billboards and radio commercials to inform the public about the presence of lead in and around community homes.

The Nutrition & Lead Task Force is partnering with the Dominican Center for Women in the Amani neighborhood, a small community where nearly one in four children living there have absorbed serious levels of lead. This summer, dedicated community canvassers will knock on 5,200 doors to make sure every single family in the neighborhood knows how to identify lead in the home and how keeping kids well-fed can help protect them from lead.

[>>> Learn more at GetWellFed.org.](http://GetWellFed.org)



A healthy, balanced diet that contains good sources of iron, vitamin C and calcium can help protect your family.

IRON




- Red Meat • Fish • Beans
- Lentil • Iron-fortified Cereals
- Spinach

VITAMIN C



- Oranges • Berries • Tomatoes
- Bell Peppers
- Dark, Leafy Greens

CALCIUM



- Milk • Yogurt • Cheese
- Kale • Turnip Greens
- Calcium-fortified Juices

Meet Mack!



Hunger Task Force is stoked to welcome Michele McCormack to our Development team! “Mack” will be taking on the role of Individual Giving Manager, working one-on-one with the thousands of amazing people who support Hunger Task Force year-round. She brings a unique skill set to the table from her previous career in broadcast television. Mack is a natural storyteller and she has endless energy for building community and telling the story of how Hunger Task Force works to end hunger. She is ready to meet YOU and hear your story!

>> Call Mack at [414.238.6491](tel:414.238.6491) or email michele.mccormack@HungerTaskForce.org to set up a personal tour of our food bank!



Wells Fargo \$2 Day Launches Wisconsin State Fair

THE WISCONSIN STATE FAIR KICKS OFF THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, AND WELLS FARGO \$2 DAY IS RETURNING TO SAVE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY BIG ON ADMISSION.

What’s the deal? You’ll get into the Fair for just \$2 when you donate at least two (2) cans of pears or peaches, or make a cash donation, outside any Fair entrance from 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Wells Fargo is once again leading the charge—their volunteers will be ready to greet you at all gates and accept your donation of peaches or pears in 100% juice. You can also visit us at Central Park to check out the Hunger Task Force Farm tractor, the Wells Fargo stagecoach and so much more!



Kids Eat Free
Summer Meals
HERE
Dial 2-1-1
or visit www.impactinc.org



IN MILWAUKEE, HUNGER DOESN'T TAKE A SUMMER VACATION. IT IS CRUCIAL FOR CHILDREN WHO RELY ON SCHOOL MEALS TO HAVE ACCESS TO FOOD THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER MONTHS – A PEAK TIME FOR CHILDHOOD HUNGER.

With the help of many local partners, more than 800,000 free, nutritious meals will be served to children in need this summer!

No Kid Hungry, a national childhood hunger partner, plays a huge role in Milwaukee's summer meals program. In our fifth year of collaboration, they've gifted Hunger Task Force with THREE Summer Youth Ambassadors! These advocates will be out in the community, working to increase participation in federal nutrition programs and identifying best practices at summer meal sites.



Isabel Miranda – sophomore at UW-Madison, Community & Non-Profit Leadership

Serving as the No Kid Hungry intern over the Winter/Spring term, Isabel is ready to get into the community and explore the Summer Meals Program!



Julia Prange – senior at UW-Madison, Dietetics & Life Sciences Communication

Julia is excited to explore nutritional needs of children in Milwaukee. This will be her second summer as a Youth Ambassador!



Shannon Zogran – junior at Carroll University, Public Health & Psychology

Shannon is eager to analyze how providing meals to children can create better learning outcomes and increase the quality of life in Milwaukee.

Helping Support Milwaukee's Veterans



“I starved myself for five days. I thought my family would be better without me. I’m so happy I was introduced to FoodShare.”

– Navy Veteran who was choosing between paying bills and buying food

As our servicemen and women return home from duty in greater numbers, many struggle to feed themselves and their families. Households with a veteran who have a disability are about twice as likely to lack access to adequate food.

FoodShare is Wisconsin's first line of defense against hunger. FoodShare, also known as SNAP or food stamps, is a federal program that helps eligible people purchase food at grocery stores across Wisconsin. For veterans struggling to overcome obstacles and feed their families, FoodShare makes a crucial difference.

In Wisconsin, an estimated 70,000 FoodShare recipients are U.S. military veterans. Hunger Task Force has FoodShare Outreach staff in our community working directly with veterans to ensure they are able to put food on their tables. We thank you for your service, and are here to help.

>> For more information, contact Maureen Fitzgerald at 414.238.6475 or maureen@HungerTaskForce.org.



THIS SUMMER'S GETTIN' FRUITY

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All summer long, Hunger Task Force, Summerfest and the United Ethnic Festivals will be working hard to get you great admission deals to all the excellent festivals. This year, we're asking you to donate canned peaches or pears in 100% juice at every festival. Canned fruits are one of the most under-donated items, so let's get more of these healthy foods on the table for local families!

>> Check out the back page for the full calendar of dates and promotion deals!



Your Farm Adventure is Waiting

HUNGER TASK FORCE'S URBAN FARM IS 208 ACRES OF SPRAWLING FIELDS AND NATURAL AREAS. MEET US AT THE FARM'S BRAND NEW VISITOR CENTER AND CLIMB ABOARD A 4-PERSON KUBOTA RTV FOR AN ADVENTUROUS TOUR!



We'll start off by cruising the rows of apple and pear orchards, taking a detour through The Farm's vast fields to show you first-hand the 25 different types of fresh fruits and vegetables we grow!



Along the way, stretch your legs on a scenic hike through the lush Hidden Oaks Savanna. Explore tranquil wooded trails and visit The Farm's own collection of trout and perch in the Fish Hatchery.



We'll wrap things up at the historic Big Red Barn with a taste of The Farm's very own Wild Flower & White Clover Honey, made by our honeybees. Then, relax in the Visitor's Center to learn about The Farm's history and how you can get involved.

>> Join Us For A Farm Adventure! RSVP for your FREE Tour today!

Adventures will take place Friday afternoons from 2-3:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- Friday, June 15
- Friday, July 20
- Friday, August 17
- Friday, September 21

Please call to set up a private tour if none of these dates work for your schedule!

>> Contact Matt King, Farm Director at 414.238.6493 or matt.king@HungerTaskForce.org.



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Hunger Task Force believes that every person has a right to adequate food obtained with dignity. We work to prevent hunger and malnutrition by providing food to people in need today and by promoting social policies to achieve a hunger free community tomorrow.

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Giving Back:

ANOTHER OF LIFE'S GRAND ADVENTURES

If you're looking for a way to do more and experience something new this summer, The Farm would love to welcome you as a volunteer. Volunteers are the force behind Hunger Task Force. Working alongside our farm staff in the fields, farm volunteers help transplant, cultivate and harvest thousands of pounds of fresh produce for Milwaukee's hungry. Last year, more than 4,800 volunteers dug in for a good cause.

Do you have a big group? The Farm can take up to 40 volunteers per shift on a normal day. A handful of close friends? We'll pair you with another team to get the job done. From big office groups to small teams, faith groups to students and families, all groups are welcome to join in and help our hungry neighbors. Individuals are welcome, too! Weekly shifts are offered Monday through Saturday, May - October.



>> Learn more at HungerTaskForce.org/farm or contact Sarah Anderson, Farm Community Development Officer, at 414.238.6499 or sarah.anderson@HungerTaskForce.org.



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Milwaukee Summer Festival Season is BACK!

Great deals on all the fun while helping the hungry. Check out these great admission promotions when you donate canned peaches or pears in 100% juice at the gates.

- PrideFest**
June 9-10
2-for-1 admission voucher from 12-2pm with donation of four or more food items
- Polish Fest**
Sunday, June 17
Free admission from 2-7pm with donation of three or more food items
- Summerfest Opening Day**
Wednesday, June 27
Free admission from 12-3pm with donation of three or more food items
- Kohl's Family Day at Summerfest**
Sunday, July 1
Free admission 12-3pm or first 2,500 patrons with donation of three or more food items for kids
- Festa Italiana**
Sunday, July 22
Free admission with a food donation from 9-11am
- German Fest**
Sunday, July 29
Free admission from 12-3pm with donation of three food items
- Wisconsin State Fair**
Thursday, August 2
Admission = \$2 + 2 food items from 8am - 4pm
- Irish Fest**
Sunday, August 19
Free admission from 8-11am with donation of a food item
- Mexican Fiesta**
Friday, August 24
Free admission all day, food donations accepted from 12-3pm
- Indian Summer**
Sunday, September 9
Free admission from 9-10am & 11am-12pm with donation of three or more food items

Please Donate Healthy:
Donate MyPlate!



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