

2019 Hunger Innovation Report Submissions

Doing something innovative for the first time is a little bit easier when you have a sense of what has been tried before and worked. That is why we launched a national survey aimed at understanding how stakeholders are testing and implementing new strategies for addressing child hunger in 2018. Through the survey, we heard from almost 200 foodbanks, school districts, local governments, and private companies. Our learnings are summarized in the 2019 Hunger Innovation Report, but you can learn more yourself by reading the submissions we received in the tables below.

Afterschool Meals

Bigfork Foodbank	MT	Foodbank that collaborated with local schools to provide snacks to students.
Bristol Virginia Public Schools	VA	School district that provided afterschool meals to all students without altering or impacting bus schedules.
Des Moines Public School	IA	School district that provided afterschool meals to all students.
Extended School Day	OR	Remote, rural school district that dramatically increased participation in their afterschool program by providing snack packs in addition to daily snacks and transportation for students.
Hopkins County Family YMCA	KY	School district that used game days as a way to serve meals to students and adults, creating a better understanding of school meals and decreasing stigma associated with free food.
Westby School	MT	School that started a snack program.
YMCA of Greater Seattle	WA	Rather than work as a sponsor, the nonprofit focused on preparing meals. Through this approach, they support nonprofits across the state with afterschool and summer meals and effectively increase their impact.

Breakfast

Cincinnati Public Schools	OH	School district that implemented breakfast on the bus and vending machines to increase breakfast participation
Dallas Independent School District	TX	School district that worked with students to promote school breakfast through a breakfast challenge. The challenge was a competition between students focused on developing marketing tactics that increase participation.

Fairmont Area Schools	MN	School district that used technology to transition to a biometric system where students do not need IDs to accept a meal. They found this made serving breakfast in the classroom easier.
Greensville County Public Schools	VA	School district that added breakfast kiosks near the front door and in hallways at their schools to ensure that students had access to breakfast when they ran late. By increasing options, the district was able to increase breakfast participation.
Greenwood School District 50	SC	School district that sought feedback from students to understand their breakfast challenges. They learned that students thought breakfast took too much time in the morning. The school district added breakfast kiosks before school and between first and second period to correct for this.
Instituto Del Progreso Latino	IL	High school in Illinois that served breakfast in the classroom to boost participation.
Jackson County School Nutrition	GA	School district that started a grab-and-go breakfast program with mobile carts in heavily trafficked areas of the school.
Kaleva Norman School District	MI	School district that served breakfast on the bus.
Kewanee School District 229	IL	School district that served reimbursable breakfast from a vending machine.
Momence School District	IL	School district that gave students tokens they could redeem for a prize when they ate breakfast at school.
New England Dairy & Food Council	MA	Organization that engaged students in an innovation challenge where they pitched their own ideas for how schools might increase breakfast participation. Winning teams were provided with grants to support their ideas.
Newburgh Enlarged City School District	NY	School district that utilized popular breakfast foods like coffee and granola bars to drive participation in a high school.
Orange County Public Schools	DC	School district that transitioned to a breakfast program that provides breakfast before the bell, after the bell, and in a variety of locations in the school building.
Pangburn School	AR	School district that developed new ways to incorporate local produce into an existing breakfast after the bell program.
Pasco County Schools	FL	School district that used technology in the classroom to assist with meal counts while serving breakfast in the classroom. They found that the approach made implementation easier.
Roanoke County Public Schools	VA	School district that streamlined the breakfast service line to allow students to quickly pick up breakfast bags and take them to the classroom. This process allowed the school to serve students with no additional staff or equipment.
Wichita Public Schools	WI	School district that implemented multiple alternative breakfast models, such as second chance breakfast, grab-and-go kiosks and breakfast in the classroom to increase participation.

Creative Partnerships

Adams Friendship Area School District	WI	School district based in Wisconsin that expanded their summer meals program by developing new partnerships with the faith community. They found that many churches served the same students and that by collaborating they could increase meals served.
Alliance to End Hunger	DC	Membership organization that created a workbook to help other nonprofits build capacity. The goal of the project was to build the capacity and collective impact coalitions focused on reducing food insecurity and hunger.
Arnold Food Pantry and Thrift Store	MO	Nonprofit that distributed supplemental food, household necessities, and toiletries in their community. Through creative partnerships, the nonprofit provides services 365 days a year.
City of Indianapolis, Department of Parks and Recreation	IN	A city that developed creative partnerships between the local parks and chefs to create a new program where kids plant, tend, and harvest their own produce at a summer camp. Summer and afterschool programs then use the produce in meals served. Through the program, kids learn about nutrition and have the opportunity to build new relationships.
City of Renton Community Services Department	WA	City that developed creative partnerships between schools and local nonprofit organizations to ensure that activities and supervision were provided at all summer meal sites.
Delaware Department of Education	DE	Government office that developed a partnership between the Department of Education and the First Lady to develop a plan to combat hunger.
Feeding America Southwest Virginia	VA	Nonprofit that started a food truck program that provides meals for summer and afterschool sites. Through a creative partnership, the program also provides culinary training.
Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District	OH	County department that worked with the Ohio Department of Health and Ohio Department of Agriculture to publish guidance for school share tables, which put local health inspectors concerns at ease and allowed for reduced food waste.
Illinois Hunger Coalition	IL	Local coalition that convened a diverse group of stakeholders to create a community quality council to focus on local solutions and streamlined services.
Kentucky Department of Education	KY	State Department that collaborated with the Department of Agriculture to apply and be approved for funding from Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy to offer additional reimbursement to sponsors that purchase local produce. The fund allowed sponsors to receive a 33% additional reimbursement for all local produce.

Mississippi Food Network	MS	Foodbank that relied on creative partnerships to serve all kids across the state. Because of their large service area, they rely heavily on partners and look for creative ideas.
No Kid Hungry North Carolina	NC	Organization that hosted a new, regional series of "Summer Palooza!" celebration and planning summits to support sponsors with summer meal planning.
Ohio Association of Foodbanks	OH	Nonprofit that developed partnerships with the state and secured funding for summer meals served outside of federal regulations to children in rural areas.
Ronan School District	MT	School district that collaborated with a local Boys and Girls club to serve snacks and dinners.
Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis	MO	Nonprofit organization that developed a creative partnership to scale their child nutrition effort and provide additional services to families.

Improving Access

Anthony Bean Theater and Acting School	LA	Theater production company that provided year-round, open enrollment acting classes to both adults and children. To support their students, the company started providing meals for all children associated with the program, whether they are students themselves or the child of a student.
Badger Family Pantry	AR	An established food pantry that is managed by the school district and located on school grounds. The pantry receives food from the foodbank and provides weekend meals.
Bloomer Food Pantry	WI	Food pantry that was opened by the school district in a school. The pantry is open during the day so students always have access to the food they need.
Citizens for Citizens Inc.	MA	Foodbank that added service hours to meet the needs of working adults. This approach allowed them to ensure that everyone in the community could access their services.
Daily Table	MA	Nonprofit retail store that offered underserved communities a variety of convenient and affordable foods. They provide ready to eat meals and a selection of grocery items all at budget-friendly prices.
Decatur County Family YMCA	IN	Nonprofit that provided special meals to families over the holiday season.
Equal Heart	TX	Nonprofit that worked with community partners to recover food and redistribute it to partner agencies for direct distribution to families.

Fannin County Summer Meal	GA	Program that developed a new distribution model that functions like meals on wheels and serves families in a rural community
Farmhouse Market	MN	Local market that worked directly with local farmers to make healthy food more accessible in a rural community. The Farmhouse Market is always open through the use of a keycard entry system and operates primarily without staff to allow for financial viability.
Feeding Children Everywhere	FL	National nonprofit dedicated to providing meals for children and families in need through the distribution of low-cost grocery kits, delivered directly to customers' front door. They are pioneering the use of AI to process orders faster, without additional staff.
Food Rescue Foodbank	WA	Foodbank that focused on food recovery from local farms. They then used recovered food to operate a robust mobile foodbank.
FoodFinder	GA	Technology platform that helped food-insecure kids and families to find the closest free food. The platform automatically identifies all free food resources near any location in the US on a map, and pins appear to identify the nearest free food sites.
Fresh EBT by Propel	NA	A free smartphone app that empowered EBT cardholders to manage their benefits and improve their financial health. The app introduced users to other ways that they can improve their financial health, ranging from grocery coupons to jobs to healthy, low-cost recipes.
Good Bowls	NC	Social enterprise that aimed to provide better access to nutritionally valuable food for lower-income consumers and create economic opportunities for local farmers and food entrepreneurs. The business model focused on reducing food waste, increasing accessibility and bringing meals to new locations, like corner stores.
Great Plains Foodbank	ND	Foodbank that shifted their mobile pantry from a typical client-choice model to a drive-through model to take account of weather and reduce stigma.
Hored Community Service	MD	Local organization that developed a new approach to serve meals year-round across the county. The organization uses a mixed approach so some sites do dinner, some serve lunch, some only serve snack while others do both breakfast and lunch.
HRDC District IX, Inc.	MT	Nonprofit that opened a pay what you can restaurant.
Lemontree	NY	Nonprofit social enterprise that distributed meal kits to low-income families in NYC. Approved to accept SNAP, families can choose from a variety of payment options.

Little Free Pantry	AR	Movement that aimed to raise public awareness about food insecurity and increase food access by encouraging community members to create and stock little free pantries in their yards, places of work, communities of worship, and schools.
Loaves & Fishes Too	MN	Nonprofit that served healthy meals via public dining, street outreach, summer meals and snacks, free produce market, and The HUB for small nonprofits' meal programs.
Santa Clara Unified School District	CA	School district that incorporated taste tests into a fresh produce program. In the program, students are able to vote if they love it, like it, or not today to help students learn more about new foods and their own preferences.
Southwest Cook County Cooperative Association for Special Education	IL	Organization that developed a new program that gamifies student behavior, where students earn "behavior bucks" and have the opportunity to redeem them for snacks at a nominal cost from the school store.
St. Peter's Episcopal Church	NY	Faith organization that provided community programs and meals every Wednesday night.
The Feral Pork Project	MD	Local program that has developed a supply chain for trapping wild pigs and then donating the pork to local foodbanks. Dual focus of alleviating protein shortages and extensive environmental damage caused by wild pigs across the South.
The WE Project	NJ	Nonprofit that fed up to 200 families a week through a community table program.
Three O'clock Project	CO	Nonprofit that developed a new approach to increasing access to food. The nonprofit focuses on being the meal provider, rather than the program provider, which has allowed them to increase meals served.
United Foodbank	AZ	Foodbank that started a new program where they work with schools to create food markets managed by students.
Vlada's Seeds of Life	CA	Nonprofit that started monthly community dinners to increase community connection over food and create awareness about hunger in the community.
Washington State University Extension Thurston County	WA	Added capacity to the existing garden to ensure that all participants in nutrition education classes had access to fresh produce free of cost.

Fresh Produce

City of Jersey City, Health & Human Services Department	NJ	City that managed food access program focused on working with corner stores to provide healthy produce.
Community Foodbank of Eastern Oklahoma	OK	Nonprofit that hosted free farmers markets for families.
Greeley-Evans School District 6, Nutrition Services	CO	School district that opened a farmers market at the elementary school. In the program, parents of students can visit the market and shop for staple food items and produce.
Mountaineer Foodbank	WV	Foodbank that worked with a school to create produce pop-ups at the schools.
Partners Aligned Toward Health	NC	Local coalition that delivered food staples, fresh produce, cookbooks, books, and community resources to families whose children receive free or reduced lunch during the summer months.
Prince Edward County Public Schools	VA	School district that added a salad bar component to their lunches to increase student choice.
Sodexo Magic	DC	Company that developed new efforts focused on including healthy produce in all meals vended.
Vermont Foodbank	VT	Foodbank that created a mobile produce truck for schools.
Wyoming Department of Education	WY	Local government that funded an unfunded state-level mandate to provide reimbursement for 50 percent of the total processing cost of locally procured meat.
YMCA of Metropolitan Washington	VA	Nonprofit that developed a partnership with a local social enterprise to bring food CSA boxes to summer meal participants.

Healthcare

Humana	KY	Insurance company that conducted independent research to understand how food insecurity impacts health.
Oregon Foodbank	OR	Foodbank that worked with hospitals to incorporate conversations about food insecurity into regular screenings.
Preble Street	ME	Foodbank that worked with hospitals to incorporate conversations about food insecurity into regular screenings.
The Foodbank of Western Massachusetts	MA	Foodbank that worked with hospitals to incorporate conversations about food insecurity into regular screenings.

The Food Trust	PA	Nonprofit that connected healthcare providers to fresh food retailers to increase access to fresh produce. Through the partnership, providers provide individuals with “prescriptions” for fresh produce that can be redeemed at participating retailers.
The University of Alabama at Huntsville	AL	University that created and tested a food insecurity screening tool to be used at health clinics.
Wholesome Wave	CT	Nonprofit that offered users additional benefits when they purchase healthy food.
YMCA of Western North Carolina	NC	Nonprofit that worked with healthcare providers to “prescribe” fresh produce to food-insecure families. Prescriptions were redeemable at one of 32 mobile markets hosted by the YMCA.

Nutrition Education

Boys and Girls Club of Door County	WI	Nonprofit that provided nutrition education classes to children where they learned about new foods and were given the meal components required to make meals at home.
Dakota City United Methodist Church	IA	Faith-based organization that ran an afterschool program paired with a foster grandparents program. The combined program focused on indoor gardening and nutrition education.
Feeding the Gulf Coast	AL	Foodbank that developed new partnerships to pair access to fresh produce and nutrition education at afterschool snack sites.
Houston Foodbank	TX	Foodbank that developed a partnership with a local elementary school to launch a new program aimed at increasing reading and the consumption of healthy produce. Families that participate earn points for reading at home that they can redeem for a food voucher to be used at a local market.
Manna Food Center	MD	Nonprofit that transformed a school bus into a culinary classroom on wheels. Through the program, they provide cooking education to children and their parents.
Miracles and Blessings of God International Ministries, Inc.	NC	Faith-based organization that provides nutrition education.
Mount Kisco Child Care Center	NY	Daycare that teaches children farming skills and nutrition through class gardens.
Novato Unified School District	CA	School district that developed new curriculum that made nutrition education a component of classroom learning.
St. Anthony School	WI	School district that increased staff education around nutrition.

St. Clair County Health Department	MO	Local department that started a garden program where they work with kids and do food demonstrations.
The Charlie Cart Project	CA	Organization that developed an integrated educational program that connects food and cooking with lessons in other school subjects. The program combines a rigorous curriculum with a mobile kitchen classroom to deliver hands-on nutrition education in any learning environment.
The Connecticut Mental Health Center	CT	Healthcare center that developed and implemented nutrition education as a component of treatment options.
The Salvation Army of Henry County	IL	Nonprofit that provided cooking classes focused on cooking with what you have. The approach shows families that it is possible to make a quality meal, even with limited resources.
Under Carrey's Care	IL	Daycare that involved preschoolers in menu planning for breakfast and snacks as a way to increase meal participation.
United Way of Muscatine	IL	Nonprofit that used gardens as a way to teach children about nutrition education.
Williamsburg James City County Public Schools	VA	Nonprofit that ran nutrition education in conjunction with a culinary training program.

Other

Austin Independent School District, Nutrition and Food Services	TX	School district that purchased food trucks to increase dining options to improve the student experience. They have found that more options are tied to improved interest and participation in school meals.
Benefits Data Trust	PA	Nonprofit that used data matching and a text-based service to encourage WIC eligible women to enroll in SNAP.
Bread for the World Institute	DC	Nonprofit that developed a racial equity simulation to illustrate the lack of equity in federal programs designed to lift people out of poverty. To do the simulation, go to bread.org/simulation .
Campbell Soup Company	PA	Corporation that used a community-based approach to drive programing. Examples of their work include the Camden's Healthy Corner Store initiative; leveraging technology to connect otherwise thrown away food to people in need; cooking education for kids; and cafeteria procurement and menu planning support to change what kids eat in school.
Childhood Food Solutions	OH	Nonprofit used research best practices to measure impact of hunger and poverty on the local level.
Coahoma County School District	MS	School district that took a creative approach to promote the idea that kids that should have access to the food they need in their schools.

Comfort	VA	For-profit restaurant that donated their proceeds to a nonprofit working to end hunger.
Community Table	CO	Organization that developed taste tests to better understand what food kids wanted to eat. The tests were designed to encourage participation and improve food quality.
Elior North America	NC	Corporation that provided clients with resources and materials to help fight student hunger locally through a “Give Back” donation drive. The materials clients receive help raise awareness about childhood and college campus hunger.
Emma's Torch	NY	Nonprofit social enterprise that provided top-notch culinary training to refugees and helped them find meaningful careers in the food industry. They pair culinary training classes with full restaurant services to support and sustain the model.
Engaged Latino Parent Advancing Students Outcomes (ELPASO)	CO	Grassroots movement of parents, that worked together to empower a critical mass of well-informed and skilled Latino parents to ensure that children arrive at kindergarten ready to learn. Recently they worked with a school district to serve culturally appropriate foods by working hand-in-hand with the Food Service Director to incorporate new recipes.
Feeding America, Meal Connect	IL	MealConnect, by Feeding America, is an application that makes it easy to donate food and arrange a pickup for free. Truckers and neighbors can also volunteer to deliver food with MealConnect to one of the network's 200 foodbanks and 60,000 partner agencies.
Feeding Texas, StoryBank	TX	StoryBank Texas is a program that captures the lived experiences of those experiencing hunger through a collaborative network of twenty-one foodbanks. Stories are used to influence program design through qualitative research.
Greater Pittsburgh Community Foodbank	PA	Foodbank that used national research best practices to develop their own local report. Their intent was to capture data that better informed a localized approach.
High Plains Helping Hands	CO	Nonprofit that launched a new program used local agriculture as a way to combat hunger and joblessness.
Hunger Free America	NY	Nonprofit that advocated for the importance of Summer EBT.
Hunger Free Oklahoma	OK	Nonprofit that developed and executed on training administrative staff in schools to screen families for SNAP and assist with program paperwork on school grounds.
ideas42	NA	Nonprofit that used insights from behavioral science to design solutions to issues in SNAP retention and churn in California, Massachusetts, and New York.
ideas42	NA	Nonprofit that used insights from behavioral science to design solutions to issues in retention, breastfeeding, and nutrition education in WIC.

Link2Feed	CA	Organization that provided technology services to sponsors and states to streamline data collection and reporting related to federal child nutrition program participation.
Rhode Island Department of Education	RI	Government agency that used user feedback from teachers to make improvements to child nutrition programs in schools and then utilized behavioral economic techniques to identify additional teacher champions.
Socorro Independent School District	TX	School district that served three school meals a day.
Urban School Food Alliance	NY	Group of school districts that came together to purchase food together and influence industry to create new products that aligned with their goals. When working together, the school districts account for a major portion of the market, giving them additional influence over market outcomes.
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction	WI	Government agency that implemented new technology that moved important forms online.

School Meals

Hunger Task Force	WI	Nonprofit that worked with a school district to improve the entire student meal experience, rather than just food.
National Health Foundation	CA	Organization that advocated for share tables in response to research and conversations with students
San Francisco Unified School District's Future Dining Experience	CA	School district that started a new body of work with IDEO to rethink their school food system, including the spaces, technology, operations, and overall dining experience in partnership with students and parents.
Twin Valley Food Service	VT	School district that used a competitive cooking club to engage kids in menu planning and nutrition education.

Summer Meals

Action Inc.	MT	Nonprofit that added activities to their summer meal programs as a tactic to boost participation.
Addison Northwest School District, Food Service Cooperative	VT	School district that opened a summer meal site across the street from the community pool. Through this approach, they were able to serve 50 meals each day.
All Faiths Foodbank	FL	Foodbank that developed a grassroots marketing campaign to promote summer meals. They discovered that door-to-door outreach allowed them to improve relationships in the community and increase program awareness.
Butte County Office of Education	CA	Government agency that piloted a summer meals delivery model where local caregivers served as site supervisors, turning their neighborhoods into a place all kids could get a healthy meal in the summer.
Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas	KS	Summer meal sponsor worked with multiple local partners to expand summer meal sites.
City of Emporia	KS	City that developed a new approach to summer meals, where the city became the sponsor.
CitySquare	TX	Nonprofit that developed a summer meals taste test program. Feedback was used to implement improvements in meal quality.
Comstock Green Meadow Elementary	MI	Nonprofit that used technology to assist with summer meal count reporting.
Food Finders Foodbank	IN	Foodbank that piloted a summer meals delivery model where local caregivers served as site supervisors, turning their neighborhoods into a place all kids could get a healthy meal in the summer.
Free Food for Kids and Teens	WI	Faith-based organization that developed partnerships across their community to increase the number of meal sites and meals served.
Galloway Summer Food and Fun	NJ	Summer meal sponsor that worked with a local high school to provide arts activities at all summer meal sites without additional labor costs.
Greater Holy Temple Joy of Learning Center	CA	Organization that started a new summer meals program that also had activities.
Grow Appalachia	KY	Nonprofit that incorporated community gardens into their summer meal sites. Students managed their own produce and had the opportunity to sell the produce at a pop-up market later in the summer.
Howard Winneshiek Community School District	IA	Nonprofit that provided nutrition education and physical activities through their summer meals program.

Hunger Impact Partners	MN	Nonprofit that developed a mobile application to help kids find summer meal sites in their state.
Long Island Cares	NY	Nonprofit that created a mobile meals truck to serve breakfast when school is not in session.
Lowcountry Foodbank	SC	Nonprofit that used technology to support meal count reporting.
Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	MA	Nonprofit that partnered with a university to do mobile meals without creating additional costs.
Mesa County Valley School District 51	CO	School district that started a meals mobile program.
Missoula Foodbank and Community Center	MT	Foodbank that added a mobile component to their summer meals program. Due to the positive response and need, they secured private funding and started providing meals during the school year on holidays and breaks.
Moshannon Valley YMCA	PA	Nonprofit that provides meals and healthcare through their mobile meals program.
Nacogdoches Independent School District	TX	School district that opened new summer meal sites in yards when location options became limited.
Nashville School District	AR	School district that started a mobile meals program.
Norton Geln Apartments	NY	Apartment complex that served summer meals and provided activities for children in the community.
Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry	IL	Food pantry that found a creative way to serve summer meals.
One 2 One Educational Support	GA	Organization that partnered with a bookmobile to provide books at their mobile meal sites.
Operation Food Search	MO	Nonprofit that operated three mobile meal routes at a total of 33 locations, six days a week.
Prairie Family Center	CO	Nonprofit that piloted a summer meals delivery model where local caregivers served as site supervisors, turning their neighborhoods into a place all kids could get a healthy meal in the summer.
Second Harvest Foodbank of Greater New Orleans and Acadiana	LA	Foodbank that served summer meals in rural and remote parishes through shelf-stable, powerpack meals. By serving summer meals that are shelf-stable, and fully reimbursable, the foodbank was able to serve meals in 23 parishes that span over 1600 square miles.

Second Harvest Foodbank of Northeast Tennessee	TN	Nonprofit that identified programmatic gaps in summer meals and added additional components to their summer meals strategy like mobile meals and direct meal delivery to improve access.
St. Joseph's Social Care	MN	Nonprofit that expanded their summer meals program.
The Christian Fellowship Community Development Corporation	FL	Faith-based organization that designed and implemented hydroponic gardens. The garden was created to ensure that all kids at their summer meal sites had access to fresh produce.
The Social Innovation Laboratory	MO	Nonprofit that created a pop-up restaurant franchise to offer summer meals across rural communities.
Three Square	NV	Nonprofit that developed partnerships in the community to acquire fresh produce to serve families at a summer meal site.
Tuscaloosa County School System	AL	School district that started a mobile summer meals program in response to conversations with parents.
United Way of Central Alabama and the Community Foodbank of Central Alabama	AL	Foodbank that developed a summer meal network and used creative approaches to double summer meals capacity in two years.
Upper Susitna Food Pantry	CA	Foodbank that collaborated with local libraries and public transportation to increase access to summer meals. In the program, they combine transportation to the sites, enrichment programs, and onsite meals.
Virginia Department of Social Services	VA	State agency that became a summer meals sponsor. By being a sponsor, the state agency was able to reduce the burden of summer meals, and entice new organizations to get involved with the program as sites.
Virginia Peninsula Foodbank	VA	Foodbank that started a mobile meals program.
Washington Outreach Ministry Inc.	NC	Faith-based organization that took a grassroots approach to promoting its summer meals program. They found that by pairing direct outreach with exciting launch events they were able to reach new families and increase participation.
Wilkes Barre Family YMCA	PA	Nonprofit that paired summer meals with summer learning and physical activity.

Weekend Meals

Altrusa International of Pendleton	OR	A nonprofit chapter that launched an independent weekend meals program to ensure that all kids have access to food outside of school time.
Baltimore Hunger Project	MD	Nonprofit that is dedicated to eliminating the problem of weekend childhood hunger by providing weekend food packages.
Blessings in a Backpack	KY	Nonprofit that developed a scaled approach to weekend meals. Recently, they developed a meal pack in partnership with a corporate partner to reduce the start-up costs associated with new weekend meal programs.
Community Compassion Network	MI	Nonprofit that started serving weekend meals at their summer meal sites.
End 68 Hours of Hunger	NA	Nonprofit that is leading an effort to confront weekend hunger. Through the program, students receive seven complete meals for each weekend.
Food For Free	MA	Nonprofit that brought together backpack programs from across the state to share best practices, challenges and ways to stay connected to one another to create a coalition.
Food for Thought	OH	Foodbank that created a backpack program in response to concerns about weekend hunger.
Foothills Community Church	OR	Faith-based organization that works with school districts to ensure that all kids have access to food on the weekend.
Galveston County Foodbank	TX	Foodbank that developed a wide network of partners to support and implement a backpack program.
Life Skills for Youth	AR	Nonprofit that started a weekend meal program.
Oak Park Pentecostals Children's Ministry	IN	Faith-based organization that provided breakfast to all students through its Sunday school programs.
Philabundance	DE	Nonprofit that piloted a community-based model to backpack programs. In the program, each school had a site coordinator that oversaw the program.
Van Orin Elementary	IL	Elementary school that started its own backpack program in partnership with a local social worker.
Weymouth Council for the Hungry	MA	Organization that started a backpack program in response to a conversation with a local teacher about growing need.