

PRESS RELEASE

Afterschool Meals Program Partners with Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay

Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay, Tampa, FL, October 24, 2013: Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay announces the sponsorship of the Afterschool Meals Program (AMP), a subcomponent of the Child Care Food Program (CCFP). The program is designed primarily to provide nutritious snacks and meals to children in afterschool programs. Snacks and meals are available at no separate charge to the children at the sites listed below:

NAME OF SITE	ADDRESS
Riverview Unit	6809 Krycul Avenue Riverview, FL 33578
Bill Carey Brandon Unit	213 N. Knights Avenue Brandon, FL 33510
George W. Jenkins Town 'N Country Unit	7002 West Hanna Avenue Tampa, FL 33634
Wilbert Davis Belmont Heights Unit	3515 Sarah Street Tampa, FL 33605

Last year, Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay served more than 200,000 snacks and 90,000 meals to Club Members in all 17 sites in Hillsborough and Pasco Counties.

"We have been so fortunate to build strong partnerships with other organizations that understand the importance of combatting child hunger," said Jennifer Hayes, Director of Program Services for Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay. "One of our main goals at the Club and in providing support to the communities that we serve is to ensure that no child leaves our sites hungry. Working with the AMP and CCFP will ensure that."

Research shows that well-nourished children are healthier, more attentive, and have better mental performance than children who are under-nourished. Findings also indicate that children served by the CCFP eat healthier food than children who bring food from home. The CCFP helps child care facilities implement "best practices" to ensure children have access to a variety of nutritious foods for healthy growth and to reduce obesity risk.

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The CCF, Afterschool Meals Program, and the Homeless Children Nutrition Program, are administered by the Bureau of Child Care Food Programs. These programs provide nutritious meals and snacks to children through public-private partnerships with organizations committed to caring for children. All three programs are funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service.

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About Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay

Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay has been a positive force in the community for more than 85 years; enabling young people to become productive, responsible and caring citizens through structured programming, safe learning environments and dedicated staff. With a focus on three core priority outcomes – Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles, and Improving Character & Leadership, Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay provides opportunities to build new skills that raise each Club Member's belief that he or she can succeed and receive recognition for personal, social and academic accomplishments.

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