



# Summer Read & Feed

Families in Wellroot's Family Housing program and some kinship foster homes rely on free & reduced lunches during the school year. Help us support these families with our Summer Read & Feed program.

## Read

Children without a summer reading routine can lose one to three months of the reading skills they spent the previous school year building. This loss is a long-term, cumulative loss—once students lose reading ability over the summer, they rarely catch back up. Help us promote summer reading by providing gently used or new books with their lunches.



## Feed

The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning estimates that more than 60 percent of children under 18 risk losing access to the free- or reduced-price meals they rely on during the school year. The children in our Family Housing Program and some kinship foster homes rely on these free & reduced lunches during the school year.

## What to bring?

- Your group can sign-up to bring enough food for around 15 children to have 5 lunches for one week between May 31<sup>st</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Please separate the groceries into boxes/bags per family, and do not assemble any sandwiches or lunch items.
- Due to COVID-19, we are only accepting non-perishable food. Some lunch ideas are bread, peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna, easy mac & cheese, ravioli, chicken noodle soup, fruit cup, (low-sugar juice boxes, crackers, granola bars, chips, etc. Single portion fruits (banana, apples or oranges only) are accepted as well.
- Collect new and gently used books from your church or organization.
- Wellroot staff will coordinate a delivery time on your designated Friday to allow our staff to deliver the meals Monday morning.

Please contact [cultivate@wellroot.org](mailto:cultivate@wellroot.org) to learn more or sign-up. Upon sign-up a member of our team will confirm the number of families, children, ages and final logistics with you.