



City of Cambridge
Department of Human Service Programs
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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: ROBERT W. HEALY, CITY MANAGER
FROM: JILL HEROLD, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, HUMAN SERVICES
DATE: JULY 26, 1989
SUBJECT: COUNCIL ORDER ON SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

As a result of community planning meetings on ways to expand the Summer Food Program, there was consensus to establish a pilot summer food site in Area 4 that would operate on a "drop-in" basis rather than through enrollment. This differs from the typical summer food site that has regularly scheduled activities and pre-enrollment. The drop-in nature of the Area 4 site allows children not enrolled in camps an opportunity to benefit from the free meal program. St. Paul's AME Church is the sponsor of the Area 4 site and has generously donated space and staffing for the site. We have also placed two youth hired through the Recreation Dept. at the site and I understand that youth hired through the Mayor's Program also provide assistance.

CEOC is coordinating the outreach effort to increase community awareness of the site. Flyers, contacts to area agencies, and press releases are some of the outreach methods being utilized. It has been a slow process to get youth to come to the site but we feel attendance will increase as the word gets out about the site. St. Paul's and staff plan to initiate activities during the month of August as a means for attracting more youth.

We have also opened a new food site at the Salvation Army serving approximately 45 youth per day.

There are now 18 Summer Food Program sites operating in Cambridge serving approximately 1,150 youth each day.

DIVISIONS:

Childcare
498-9076

Community & Youth
498-9037/9072

Low Income Fuel Assistance
498-9038

Recreation
498-9028

Community Learning Center
547-1589

Council on Aging/Elderly Services
498-9039

Planning & Development
498-9076



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August 7, 1989

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report No. 35 regarding expansion of the Summer Food Service Program, I submit the attached report from the Department of Human Service Programs.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Re: response to Awaiting Report Item 35
on expansion of the Summer Food Service
Program.

In City Council,

August 7, 1989

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