



End of Summer Report

To Whom It May Concern,

Wow! What an incredible summer! We want to first and foremost thank all volunteers for their donations of time, money, and effort. We can confidently say this summer was a success because of you. We met and exceeded our financial goals for the year, which will help give us a jump-start to next summer's program. We look forward to continuing to serve the Decorah community.

The students and families who found their way to our program genuinely needed it. There was a solid group of children who used the program every single day of the week, every week of the summer. What a blessing for those who may not only suffer from food scarcity, but lack of other basic necessities as well.

There is also the peace of mind this offered to many families who are financially able. Many parents sent their children on bikes or walking, knowing they were getting a balanced meal while they were away at work. Others sent their summer nanny with their little ones which relieved the stress of families trusting teenagers to cook in the kitchen. One mom brought her two kids every day for the second half of the summer, knowing we would have gluten-free lunches. A grandma brought her four grandkids every day after swimming, commenting how hard it is to feed four kiddos on a retirement budget. These stories are the stories that make this program worth it.

This summer, we served a total of 1,640 lunches. This averaged out to 33.6 lunches per day. We served programs at both Carrie Lee Elementary and Crossroads schools. We utilized a total of 270 volunteer spots at the following sites: Good Shepherd (50), Decorah Congregational UCC (80), United Methodist Church (49), and John Cline distribution site (91).

Donor Organizations:

- Thrivent Financial
- John Cline Elementary (building use)
- Rockweiler (fridge)
- Grass Run Farms (2 month supply beef stick ends/pieces)

- Depot Outlet
- T-Bock's
- Hovden Oil
- Xi Omnicron Sorority
- St. Ben's School

Participating Congregations:

- Decorah Congregational UCC
- Decorah Lutheran Church
- First Lutheran Church
- First United Methodist Church
- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
- Individuals from St. Ben's and Decorah Covenant Church

Fun Numbers:

- 984 PB&J sandwiches and wraps
- Over 200lbs of bananas
- 435 Oranges
- 300 Oatmeal packets
- 990 bags of cereal
- 640 string cheese
- Over 90 lbs of carrots

Thanks for all you do, Decorah! To Lunch Club!

Kids Lunch Club Team