



Improving Health Care and Outcomes for Residents of Lincoln Parish

Initiative:	Healthier Living
Project Name:	Boys & Girls Club Summer Feeding Program
Funding Period:	June – August, 2013
Project Coordinator:	Eldonta' Osborne
Project Administration:	United Way: <i>Boys & Girls Clubs of North Central LA</i>
Total Funding Requested:	\$ 15,000.00

Program Summary

The purpose of the grant is to assist the Boys & Girls Club in expanding its summer feeding program to provide meals at 12 sites during the summer. Any child age 0-18 is eligible to receive a meal at any site where meals are served. Meals served are based on a 5-day planning menu, prepared in advance and based on healthy meal choices.

The Summer Feeding Program is partially funded through a reimbursable grant from the State of Louisiana which covers only the cost of the meals and a small administrative allowance. In 2012, with the aid of \$12,000 in funding from the Foundation, the Boys & Girls Club was able to expand its meal services by two weeks and serve an additional 9,998 meals. No fees are charged by the facilities where meals are distributed, and most sites are housed in neighborhoods where children are within walking distance of the feeding site. All food is prepared, cooked, and packaged at the Boys & Girls Club kitchen every morning. A representative from each site comes to the Club and picks up the food to transport back to their facility one hour before serving.

Funding Objectives

Funds provided by the Foundation for the 2012 summer feeding program enabled the Boys and Girls Club to demonstrate its capacity to cook and serve more meals than was originally projected. Additional funding by the Foundation for the 2013 summer feeding program will provide for the addition of 40-50 children to the summer feeding program and fund additional costs that are not covered under the program reimbursement criteria. The additional funds will also provide for the following:

- Open two (2) sites in Grambling
- Increase meals served at the Greenwood (Blue Gym) site
- Extend the program at all sites by 2 more weeks (except for the Club site)
- Assist in establishing at least one (1) additional site in a needed area