# CACFP NEWSLETTER

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## CACFP RECOGNIZES: HUB OF HOPE AND RESTON CHILDREN'S CENTER?

The Hub of Hope has been in the CACFP program for eight months. We currently have two sites. We first heard about the program through our ventures of working in the public school system. The thing that we like most about the CACFP program is the opportunity to provide continuous access to nutritious meals for children that may not otherwise have the access. As a non-profit organization with its mission being H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People Eat) we have found that the pandemic only encourages us to push forward to improve the lives of the community through nutritious meal access for all in need. One thing that we can share that has helped us in the program is to establish and maintain relational connections and communication with each center we come in contact with. We strive to do this even if not on a sponsorship level. The types of relationships you build in the community is what sets you apart from others. Outside of the traditional CACFP models, the Hub of Hope offers a direct vending option. As the need for child care workers increases, centers are left short staffed. With our Direct Vending Model, we prepare, package, and deliver fresh meals to centers, to lighten the load.

***Hub of Hope Staff***

## CORNERSTONES SPREAD THE WORD OF CACFP!

Cornerstones Combats Hunger

Federal funds support hot, nutritious meals at Reston child care center and emergency shelter

By Melissa Chapman

The Reston Union food and nutrition program, Cornerstones, is a non-profit organization that provides food and other services to people in need in the Reston area. Cornerstones has been in the community since 1980 and has been a part of the Reston Union School Nutrition Program since 2006. Cornerstones provides food to students at Dogwood, Forest Edge, Hunters Woods, Lake Anne, Lake Newport, Sunset Hills, Terraset, Tot Lot, Aldrin, Langston, Lake Thoreau, Sunset Park, Dogwood, Hunters Woods and Terraset.

Cornerstones, which is located in the Reston Town Center, also provides food to students at Herndon, Langley, Marshall, Oakton, Chantilly, Fairfax, Fairfax Christian, Madison, Oakton, Robinson, Westfield, Westfield Freshman, Westfield Sophomore, Westfield Junior, Westfield Senior, Thoreau, Vienna, Wolftrap, Cedar Lane, Colvin Run, Cub Run, Floris, Fox Mill, Herndon, Hutchison, Navy, Oak Hill, Sully, Union Mill, Centreville, Chantilly, Fairfax, Fairfax Christian, Westfield, Westfield Freshman, Westfield Sophomore, Westfield Junior, Westfield Senior