



Help us Fill the Summer Food Gap!

Many families turn to MEND
food pantries for extra help
when school is out.

Donate to MEND's Summer Appeal
today!

As another school year comes to a close, summer brings the promise of fun and relaxation: longer and warmer days, barbecues and picnics, and trips to the beach. But for many local children, when school-provided meals come to an end, it signals the start of a season marked by hunger.

Your gift to MEND's summer appeal will help us provide more fresh and healthy food to children in need. Last year, through our *Summer Hunger Busters* program, MEND provided supplemental packages of child-friendly nutritious food to 1,300 families to help fill the summer food

gap.

This year, your contribution will help us do it again – and more! *The Green Bean*, a repurposed school bus serving as MEND's new mobile food pantry, will provide more fresh fruits and vegetables, and other needed foods, to our patrons.

Your donation is critical to our efforts and will help us "Stuff the Bean" with nutritious food:

- \$250 provides a week's supply of fresh produce to 31 families;
- \$100 keeps *The Green Bean's* gas tank full, or reimburses the cost of a truck rental to help the pantries access and transport food; and
- \$40 feeds a child who loses access to school-provided meals for one month.

Become a MEND Summer Hunger Buster today! Thank you for generosity, which makes our work possible. Together, we feed our community.

Sincerely,

Robin Peacock

P.S. - *The Green Bean* will be collecting food at the South Orange Public Library on June 25th from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Stop by for a photo and a tour!

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In 2017, MEND
food pantries
fed over 43,200
children in need



In NJ, only 24%
of eligible children participate
in summer feeding programs,
largely due to logistical
challenges



MEND provides gift cards to its member pantries, and secures donations of produce, so the pantries can provide more fresh & healthy foods to their patrons



MEND reimburses member pantries for transportation costs and recruits volunteers to help pantries access and transport more nutritious foods.



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