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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Community Action Partnership of Strafford County to Provide  
Free Summer Meals to Kids in Rochester Beginning May 18**

**MAY 13, 2020** - Community Action Partnership of Strafford County (CAPSC) will begin its Summer Meals Program early this year as schools close early due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For the eighth consecutive year, CAPSC is participating in the federal Summer Food Service Program to provide free breakfast and lunch to all children ages 0 to 18 (babies and toddlers included).

“Last year, this program served over 30,000 meals to children who would otherwise go hungry when school is not in session,” stated Betsey Andrews Parker, CEO of CAPSC, “We are kicking off Summer Meals a full 7-weeks earlier than usual and anticipate serving an additional 20,000 meals this year as a result of early school closures due to COVID-19.”

The last day of school in Rochester is Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. CAPSC will begin its Summer Meals program in Rochester on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast and lunch will be served Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Tuesday meals will be distributed on Mondays and Thursday meals will be distributed on Wednesdays. Summer Meals will be served at the following ten (10) locations in Rochester:

**Riviera Motel, 479 Gonic Road**

Distributing 8:30-9:00 am

**Chamberlain Elementary, 65 Chamberlain Street**

Distributing 9:00-10:00 am

**School Street School, 13 School Street**

Distributing 9:00-10:00 am

**Spaulding High School Cafeteria, 130 Wakefield Street**

Distributing 9:00-10:00 am

**Cold Springs Manor, 31 Emerson Avenue, Rochester**

Distributing 9:15-10:15 am

**Amazon Park, 105 Whitehouse Road**

Distributing 10:15-11:00 am

**East Rochester School, 773 Portland Street**

Distributing 10:15-11:15 am

**William Allen School, 23 Granite Street**

Distributing 10:15-11:15

**Rochester Middle School, 47 Brock Street**

Distributing 10:30-11:30

**First Church Congregational, 63 S. Main Street**

Distributing M/T/W/Th/F from 5:30-7:30 pm.

Summer Meals will be served in other towns and cities in Strafford County upon school closures. Visit [www.straftfordcap.org](http://www.straftfordcap.org) or the CAPSC Facebook page for Summer Meals dates and distribution sites for your town.

The Summer Food Service Program is a USDA-funded program for youth ages 18 and under during the summer months when they no longer have access to free/reduced priced meals at school.

If you have questions about the program or would like to donate to CAPSC's summer food service program, call Jamie Swan at 603-435-2500 ext. 2339 or visit [www.straftfordcap.org](http://www.straftfordcap.org).

**ABOUT CAPSC:** Community Action Partnership of Strafford County (CAPSC)'s mission is to "educate, advocate, and assist people in Strafford County to meet their basic needs and promote self-sufficiency." In accordance with its mission, CAPSC offers over 64 coordinated programs that serve the whole person or family and include nutrition, housing, fuel and electrical assistance, weatherization, parent and child education, child care, senior transportation, and employment and job training, all of which are locally defined, planned, and managed in partnership with community agencies. For 55 years, CAPSC has changed countless lives for the better and provided hundreds of millions of dollars in goods and services in Strafford County, thereby reducing the burden on other County and community resources.

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