



Silence The Growl is a meal funding program created to fill the empty stomachs of children in our 13-county region.

THE ISSUE

Within our 13-county region, more than 350,000 children are enrolled in a free or reduced meal program during the school year. When summer break begins, the majority of these children are left without meals for the entire summer. Some will receive food through a summer program. Others will not. We may not be able to end it, but together with your help, we can silence the hunger in our community.

UNITED WAY'S ROLE

United Way created an answer to help end childhood summer hunger by creating the Silence the Growl campaign, which raises funds/meals for partner agencies within our community who are already working tirelessly to combat childhood summer hunger. With your help, we deliver nutritious meals to children in out-of-school programs, community centers, churches and food banks. Recently, United Way partnered with the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning and Georgia Division of Family and Children Services to extend their support through Silence the Growl. Click here to locate a site where your child(ren) can receive a free healthy, nutritious meal.

To find additional resources for your family, [click here](#).

THE RESULTS

In 2016, Silence the Growl funded more than 46,000 meals for children, raised more than \$65,000 and gained more than 600 volunteers. In 2017, we set a goal to provide 60,000 meals to our kids this summer. We surpassed our goal with 65,481 meals in hungry bellies all across our 13 counties.



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