



USDA Rural Development Partnering in Summer Meals Program

As the school year winds down, millions of children who receive free and reduced price meals during the school year face the possibility of hunger without meal assistance.

May Road Apartments, a USDA Rural Development financed low income housing property, located in Seagoville, Texas, stepped up during the summer to help fill this need by partnering with a Seagoville nonprofit sponsor organization, “Nora’s Women of Purpose.” The apartment complex provided a site for distribution of meals through USDA’s Summer Food Service Program. Through the program, USDA provides funding to state agencies, such as Texas Department of Agriculture, which provides oversight to sponsor such organizations in management of meal programs at safe, supervised community sites, thus ensuring access to healthy meals for eligible children in the community at no cost. Each weekday during the summer, between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., “Nora’s Women of Purpose” is providing a late breakfast, lunch and a snack in a park-like setting, with playground and picnic facility, at the May Road Apartments. Throughout the summer, numerous children, many of them residents of the apartment property and its surrounding neighborhood, gather to enjoy nourishing meals courtesy of this coalition of resources.



Labecca and Xirea Jones of Nora’s Women of Purpose, serving summer meals at May Road Apartments, in Seagoville, Texas.

Providing this pleasant site and welcoming children for meals is a way for owners and employees of the May Road Apartments and USDA Rural Development to contribute to the health of the community. Sponsor organizations are seeking suitable sites to ensure distribution of healthy foods to children up to eighteen years of age and eligible adults with a disability during the long hot summer. USDA actively encourages participation of Agency financed organization in this worthwhile program.

Obligation Amount: Not applicable

Date of Obligation: Not applicable

Congressional District: Representative Jeb Hensarling, District 5; Senator John Cornyn and Senator Ted Cruz

Partners: Nora’s Women of Purpose, Texas Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service

Demographics: Seagoville, Texas

Impact: Approximately 30 low income children are served meals daily during the summer.