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### **Summer Lunch Program Extends to Serve Kids Until School Begins**

WATSONVILLE, CA – The annual Summer Lunch program, sponsored by La Manzanita Community Resources (LMCR), a program of Community Bridges, has been extended into August. Originally slated to end the last week in July, LMCR realized that this would leave several weeks before the reopening of school operations and leave kids without access to free lunches due to summer closures. They quickly took action to coordinate with food suppliers and distribution sites to make sure that no kid goes hungry.

“This summer we have seen first-hand the vital need for food relief to families struggling due to the COVID-19 crisis,” states Mayra Melendrez, LMCR Program Manager. “Leaving a gap of several weeks with no lunches would be devastating to many of these kids and we couldn’t let that happen.”

### **Kids can pick up a FREE lunch at sites in Santa Cruz and Watsonville through mid August. Santa Cruz sites open until August 7 and Watsonville sites open until August 14.**

For more information, text Lunches to 1(833) 421-0991. Free meals will be provided to all children 0-18, without eligibility documentation, at the following sites from 12PM-1PM daily:

Boys and Girls Club of Santa Cruz	543 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Sycamore St. Apartments	125 Sycamore St. Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Neary Lagoon Apartments	81 Chestnut St. Santa Cruz, CA 95060
La Manzanita Community Resources	521 Main St. Watsonville, CA 95076
Schapiro Knoll Apartments	33 Minto Rd. Watsonville, CA 95076
Stone Creek Apartments	300 Bree Ln, Watsonville, CA 95076
Sunny Meadows Apartments	220 Ross Ave, Freedom, CA 95019
Pippin Orchards Apartments	56 Atkinson Lane, Watsonville, CA 95076
Corralitos Creek Apartments	125 Pajaro Circle, Freedom, CA 95019
Pacific Terrace Apartments	131 Landis Ave, Watsonville, CA 95076
Lincoln Square Apartments	1202 Lincoln St, Watsonville, CA 95076
Pajaro Park Apartments	27 San Juan Road, Watsonville, CA 95076

*This institution is an equal opportunity provider.*

### **ABOUT LA MANZANA COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

The compassionate and knowledgeable staff at La Manzanita Community Resources (LMCR) offer a warm, friendly, safe place for the South County community to access resources that offer stability and hope for the future. Bi-lingual and bi-cultural advocacy services meet the long and short-term needs of families at no or low cost. LMCR helps our community access benefits and resources such as housing, employment, healthcare, disability, unemployment, immigration, mental health counseling, literacy education, youth tutoring, substance abuse recovery, domestic violence prevention, nutrition, and child care. LMCR is part of Community Bridges Family Resource Collective.

### **ABOUT COMMUNITY BRIDGES**

Community Bridges envisions a thriving community where every person has the opportunity to unleash their full potential. Together, our family of programs delivers essential services, provides equitable access to resources, and advocates for health and dignity across every stage of life. To learn more, please visit [www.communitybridges.org](http://www.communitybridges.org).

The Community Bridges family of programs includes the Child & Adult Care Food Program, Child Development Division, Women, Infants and Children (WIC), La Manzanita Community Resources, Live Oak Community Resources, Mountain Community Resources, Nueva Vista Community Resources, Elderday Adult Day Health Care, Lift Line and Meals on Wheels for Santa Cruz County.