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**Blue Ridge Area Food Bank Sponsors At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program**

*Multiple sites across Lynchburg, Staunton, and Waynesboro to offer free snacks and suppers to children and teens at no cost*

**VERONA, Va. – September 27, 2024 –** The Blue Ridge Area Food Bank announces sponsorship of the At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program, providing nutritious meals at no charge to participants at multiple sites across Lynchburg, Staunton, and Waynesboro.

The At-Risk Afterschool Meals program is part of a larger initiative called the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The program provides free meals and snacks to children and teenagers in low-income areas after school. The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is a federal program that provides reimbursements for nutritious meals and snacks to eligible children and adults who are enrolled for care at participating child care centers, day care homes, and adult day care centers. CACFP contributes to the wellness, healthy growth, and development of young children and adults in the United States.

Many children rely on school meals for their daily nutrition. The At-Risk Afterschool Meals program helps fill the gap when school is out, and supports a child’s health and well-being so they can focus on learning and growing.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Meals will be provided at these facilities:

Lynchburg **College Hill Recreation Center**811 Jackson Street, Lynchburg, VA 24501
Snack: M, Tu, W, Th, F 2:00 – 4:00 PM, F 3:00 – 4:30 PM
Supper: Friday only 4:00 – 6:00 PM  **Daniel’s Hill Community Center**317 Norwood Street, Lynchburg, VA 24504
Snack: M, Tu, W, Th, F 3:00 – 6:00 PM
Supper – Thursday only 4:00 – 6:00 PM
 **Diamond Hill Community Center**1005 Seventeenth St. Lynchburg, VA 24504
Snack: M, Tu, W, Th, F 3:00 – 5:00 PM
Supper: Thursday only 5:00 – 5:30 PM
 **Fairview Community Center**3621 Campbell Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24501
Snack: M, Tu, W, Th, F 3:00 – 6:00 PM
Supper: Wednesday only 5:00 – 6:00 PM
 **Jefferson Park Recreation Center**405 York St, Lynchburg, VA 24504
Snack: M, Tu, W, Th, F 3:00 – 6:00 PM
Supper: Thursday only 5:00 – 6:00 PM
 **Yoder Center**109 Jackson Street, Lynchburg, VA 24504
Snack: M, Tu, W, Th, F 5:00 – 6:00 PM
Supper: Thursdays only 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Staunton

**Staunton Boys and Girls Club**1114 W. Johnson St., Staunton, VA 24401
Snack: M, Tu, W, Th, F 3:30 – 4:00 PM
Supper: 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Waynesboro
 **Boys and Girls Club of Waynesboro, Staunton, and Augusta**302 E. Main St., Waynesboro, VA 22980
Snack: M, Tu, W, Th, F 3:15 – 3:45 PM
Supper: M, Tu, W, Th 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

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For further information please contact: Jessica Shover, Food Sourcing and Government Programs Manager, Blue Ridge Area Food Bank, at 540-688-3351.

For additional information, you may also contact the Virginia Department of Education, Office of School Nutrition Programs by calling 804-225-2082.

**About the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank**

The Blue Ridge Area Food Bank is the largest hunger-relief organization serving Western and Central Virginia. Founded in 1981, the Food Bank serves 25 counties and 8 cities through distribution centers in Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Winchester, and its headquarters in Verona. Each month, the Food Bank supports an average of 148,200 guest visits, reaching record numbers of Virginians through a network of nearly 400 community partners—food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and program sites. As a partner food bank of Feeding America®, the nation’s largest hunger-relief organization, the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank pledges to continue innovating and adapting to secure, store, and distribute more food to more individuals, families, children, and seniors experiencing hunger. For more information, visit [www.brafb.org](http://www.brafb.org).