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MCFI is again sponsoring Summer Food Service Program

Stressing the importance of offering nutritious meals to children during the summer months, the Milwaukee Center for Independence announced the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program.

The Summer Food Service Program, funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, provides nutritious meals to children during the summer, when free and reduced-price school meals are typically unavailable.

“This program fills a void created when school lunches are not available,” said Heidi Chada, Vice President of Employment and Commercial Services for MCFI, an affiliate of CFI. “Helping parents meet the nutritional needs of their children is the strength of this program.”

Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under. People over 18 years of age who are determined by a state or local public educational agency to be mentally or physically disabled and who also participate in a public or private nonprofit school program during the regular school year may receive free meals as well.

Learn more [here](#).

Girl Scout delivers treats!

Thanks to Keelin from Girl Scout



Troop 10709, her mom, Lindsey, and her Uncle Jon from Chicago, our group home residents enjoyed 60 boxes of Girl Scout cookies. Mary Wetley, manager of our residential properties, is pictured at left. Thank you for this yummy donation and for thinking of our residents!



Thank you to our donors!

We are very fortunate to have generous community partners who support our mission of advancing total health.

Recently, MCFI's Food Service division received a \$84,227 grant from No Kid Hungry to purchase equipment that will enable our 2022/2023 school partners to provide "breakfast at the door" for their students. The grant award also supports the purchase of additional equipment to serve more school partners seeking MCFI Food Service's support this upcoming school year.

We also received these much-needed gifts to support our programs:

- Bader Philanthropies Inc. donated \$20,000 in operating support for our medical day care program. Established in 2006, our medical day care serves children and toddlers with complex medical conditions.
- We Energies Foundation donated \$10,000 for MCFI's new food service kitchen. Our plan is to develop a fifth commercial production kitchen at 27th and Wells as part of the Near West Side Partner's Concordia 27 initiative. This transformative and vibrant community initiative addresses the neighborhood inequities of housing insecurity, health disparities, unemployment, transportation access, trauma, and food insecurity. Read more [here](#).
- Kolaga Family Charitable Trust donated \$6,000 for MCFI's new food service kitchen.
- Miron Construction donated \$110 in operating support raised from their employee Jeans Day event.

We thank you all for your generosity. If you are interested in making a

contribution, please visit the donor page on our [website](#).



United Heartland helps out

On June 17th, a team from United Heartland was on-site to weed our raised garden beds and plant tomatoes. Left to right are Ed Doege, Sheri Bushner, and Stacy Duewel-Kugler. It was a spectacular day for gardening and we so appreciate your help. Thanks United Heartland!