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***got breakfast?*[®] Foundation Announces 2011 Silent Hero Grants for
Summer Food Programs**

Buffalo, NY, March 1, 2011 – The *got breakfast?*[®] Foundation has issued its Request for Application (RFA) for its second annual Silent Hero Grant Program to award participants in Summer Nutrition Programs. Grants up to \$5,000 will be awarded to public schools, non-profit private schools, local governments, National Youth Sports Programs or 501c(3) non-profit organizations to create, support and expand Summer Nutrition Program. The grant monies can be used for such needs as serving equipment, staffing, and nutrition education materials.

According to the 2010 report *Hunger Doesn't Take a Vacation*, issued by the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC), in July 2009, only 16.1 children received Summer Nutrition for every 100 low-income students who received lunch in the 2008-2009 school year. Only one in six children who needed summer food was receiving it. The federal Summer Nutrition Programs are designed to fill the need of hungry children when schools are on vacation.

“Once summer starts and the school breakfasts and lunches have stopped, millions more low-income children go hungry each day,” explains Sonya Kaster, R.D., L.D.N., S.N.S., Grant Administrator for the Silent Hero Program. “We want to reward those silent heroes who will expand their reach to offer summer meals to kids – whether it’s classroom breakfast in summer school, or supper at day camps.”

The Silent Hero Grant Program was created to encourage schools and non-profit organizations to expand the reach of underutilized child nutrition programs, including the School Breakfast Program and Summer Nutrition Programs. Last month, the *got breakfast?* Foundation awarded seven school districts with Silent Hero Grants to implement classroom breakfast and grab and go programs as a way to increase participation in the School Breakfast Program.

To be considered for the summer feeding grant, projects are to be based on creating, continuing or expanding federal Summer Nutrition Programs. Priority will be given to programs creating a summer program where one did not exist before. The deadline for submitting the application is April 15, 2011, and finalists will be notified by May 1, 2011. To obtain a Request for Application (RFA), contact info@gotbreakfast.org or visit the www.gotbreakfast.org website.

The mission of the *got breakfast?* Foundation is to ensure that every child, regardless of background, starts the school day with a nutritious breakfast in order to learn, grow and develop to his or her fullest potential.

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