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Good Morning George!

Hope you're having a wonderful fall so far! I wanted to just update you regarding the meal program at Big Lake Library. Because of your support we have indeed paid special attention to the offerings being provided in your community. From May to August, the kids in Big Lake received fresh fruit 3-4 days each week instead of the required 2 times. They've sampled red and black plums, green and red grapes, fresh honey dew melon, large red delicious apples, watermelon, fresh mandarin oranges, bananas, Appleplums and cantaloupe. They've also been provided some great new fresh vegetables (every day) like raw green beans, pea pods, spinach, celery with peanut butter, carrots, cucumber slices and at least a dozen others.

Additionally, we have increased the number of meals we provide to the library staff when they reported that children were coming to the center asking for meals outside of the scheduled meal time including on Saturdays. Please note that we do not receive any reimbursements for meals given outside of the approved meal time (noon-1 Monday through Friday) but we provide them for those kids who need them because we want any child who is hungry to have a healthy meal. So your funding does assist us in providing those meals which we pay for out of pocket.

One last note; we are providing 100 snacks each Thursday for the evening reading program as well. We will be continuing meal service at Big Lake Library throughout the school year too! In all, this summer and with your help we provided just over 1,500 meals to children in Big Lake!

So happy to be reaching so many children in Big Lake and we appreciate your support as we do it!!!

Have a fantastic week!