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Heards Ferry Elementary School wins Food 'n Fun Challenge for families in need for the fourth year

Child hunger in the U.S. is a major issue, and one in four to six children live with food insecurity daily. Heards Ferry Elementary School and its school community have helped make a difference in the local hunger landscape by contributing over 4,000 food items for the annual Food 'n Fun Challenge, sponsored by the Community Assistance Center (CAC). They were awarded first place in the Elementary School category after donating the most pounds of food of all the elementary schools in Sandy Springs and Dunwoody. They were part of a community collaboration that included numerous businesses, schools, congregations, civic groups, neighborhoods and city departments.

The Food 'n Fun Challenge is coordinated by CAC to replenish their food pantry for the summer for Sandy Springs and Dunwoody families in need. While requests for food assistance typically increase during the summer, food pantry donations decrease. But hunger doesn't take a vacation. During summer months, families living on tight budgets whose children are home on vacation and not receiving free or reduced school lunches, face additional financial strain as their food costs rise. Donations from the Food 'n Fun Challenge help ensure families can get the food they need during this time.

CAC receives more than 1,200 visits per month from local families and individuals, and distributes 55,000 pounds of food each month, which serves 500-800 families.

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About the Fulton County School System. The Fulton County School System is the fourth largest school system in Georgia. Approximately 96,700 students attend 105 schools in the cities of Alpharetta, Chattahoochee Hills, College Park, East Point, Fairburn, Hapeville, Johns Creek, Milton, Mountain Park, Palmetto, Roswell, Sandy Springs, South Fulton and Union City.