



2017 IMPACT REPORT

For thousands of homeless children in Central Florida, summer break was going to be anything but a vacation ... until Summer of Dreams came along.

The Reality of Homelessness

The face of homelessness is changing. The reality is that thousands of school-aged children make up Central Florida's homeless population. They move frequently – living with friends, in shelters, motels, cars ... or even on the street. And when school adjourns for the summer, things get worse, because the structure these children depend on disappears. They don't have access to a safe environment, engaging activities and resources like the free/reduced lunch program, which provides many of them with their only two meals of the day. In short, they're robbed of the opportunity to just "be kids."

Summer of Dreams' Impact

Since 2011, Summer of Dreams has bridged the gap in critical resources for thousands of K-12 homeless students in Central Florida. With the help of public and private partners, the free 10-week program in Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties has provided:

- Two meals and a snack each day
- Weekend food packs
- Enriching academic activities
- Field trips
- Tutoring and mentoring
- A backpack of school supplies
- Financial counseling

Get Involved

Next year, we hope to extend Summer of Dreams to serve even more students in Central Florida. To learn how to get involved, visit TheSummerofDreams.com.

Community Partners



More than 1,151 homeless children in Central Florida were impacted by Summer of Dreams this year, bringing the total of students served since 2011 to 9,032.

**AFTER-SCHOOL
ALL-STARS
ORLANDO**

2017 SUMMER OF DREAMS

SUCCESS BY THE NUMBERS

Since the beginning, our goal has been simple: provide a safe, positive experience for children who might otherwise slip through the cracks. Since 2011, the astounding collaboration of the Central Florida community – through volunteer hours, food, services, materials and funds – has made it possible. The numbers tell it all ...

1,151

Students participated
in this year's program



115,100
Meals served



573 Boys



578 Girls



57,550
Breakfasts



11,510
Weekend
food packs



539 Elementary school
549 Middle school
63 High school



57,550
Lunches



7,798

Student and community member
service hours completed

32

Participating sites

3

Central Florida counties –
Orange, Seminole
and Osceola



1,151

Backpacks filled
with school supplies
distributed



1,326

Individuals – students and
families – took part in
financial literacy classes

