*Recipient Name*

*Organization*

*Address*

*Contact info*

Dear (*community partner*),

As you know, we (*your organization*) provide free summer meals for kids when school is out.

This year we’ve joined the Put Some Squash in Your Summer! campaign, an initiative of the Put Local on Your Tray program. This campaign helps to increase participation in summer meals, improve vegetable consumption, offer educational activities, and support local agriculture by encouraging the use of local produce in summer meals.

As a part of this campaign, we will be serving local zucchini and promoting these meals with various activities at *(name of site(s))* on the following days (*planned zucchini celebration days)*. Our zucchini is coming from *(farm name)* in (*town name)*! You can find out more about the farm(s) here *(farm website)*

Summer Meal Programs are run in many communities across our state, including ours. Many families in these areas rely on school meals during the academic year, and experience increased food insecurity during the summer when school is out. The USDA Summer Meal Programs fill this gap by providing free meals for children and youth 18 years and younger. In 2015 there were [626 sites that provided meals to an average of 41,676 kids each day](http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/LIB/sde/pdf/deps/Nutrition/SFSP/SFSPReport.pdf) in Connecticut!

Our summer meal program has decided to participate in the Put Some Squash in Your Summer campaign because we know that when we incorporate local food into our program, we are supporting our local farmers, strengthening the local economy, educating families about where their food comes from, and creating healthier communities overall.

We welcome your participation and support. Please contact (*name)* to discuss ways of getting involved! *(OR)* Here are a few ways you can get involved:

(*list specific opportunities here)*

Thank you for helping us to ensure our children have a healthy, fun, and educational summer.

*Your name*

*Contact information*