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**News Release**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**The Blue Ridge Area Food Bank announces the sponsorship of the At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program**

**VERONA, Va. (November 8, 2022)** – The Blue Ridge Area Food Bank announces the sponsorship of the At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program. The same meals will be available at no separate charge to all participants at each site.

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This institution is an equal opportunity provider Meals will be provided at this facility:

Lynchburg

 **College Hill Recreation Center**

811 Jackson Street
Lynchburg, VA 24501
Snack: Tu, W, Th 3:30 – 5:30 PM, F 3 – 4:30 4:00; Supper: Friday only 4:30 – 5:30 PM

 **Daniel’s Hill Community Center**317 Norwood Street
Lynchburg, VA 24504
Snack: M, Tu, W, Th, F 4:30 – 5:30 PM, Supper – Thursday only 5:00 – 6:00 PM

**Diamond Hill Community Center**

1005 Seventeenth St.

Lynchburg, VA 24504

Snack: M, W 4:30-4:45 PM, Tu, Th 5:00-5:15 PM F 5:30-5:45 PM Supper: Friday only 5:00-5:20 PM

 **Fairview Community Center**3621 Campbell Avenue
Lynchburg, VA 24501
Snack: M, Tu, W, Th, F 4:30 – 5:00 PM

 **Yoder Center**109 Jackson Street
Lynchburg, VA 24504
Snack: M, Tu, W, Th, F 5:00 – 6:00 PM; Supper: Thursdays only 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Waynesboro

 **Boys and Girls Club of Waynesboro, Staunton, and Augusta**302 E. Main St.
Waynesboro, VA 22980

Snack: M, Tu, W, Th, F 3:15 – 4:15PM; Supper: M, Tu, W, Th, F 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

For further information please contact: Zach Nissen, Director of Programs at 434-465-2534

For additional information, you may also contact the Virginia Department of Education, Office of School Nutrition Programs by calling 804-225-2082.

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***About Blue Ridge Area Food Bank***

*Founded in 1981 and headquartered in Verona, Virginia, the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank is the largest organization alleviating hunger in western and central Virginia. The Food Bank serves an average of 109,500 people per month across 25 counties and eight cities through distribution centers in Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Winchester, and Verona. We’re serving record numbers of Virginians during a prolonged pandemic and its associated economic impacts through our network of more than 400 community partners, which includes food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, schools, libraries, health care clinics, community centers, and more. We pledge to continue innovating and adapting to secure, store, and distribute more food to more individuals, families, children, and seniors experiencing hunger. The Food Bank is a member of Feeding America®, a national food bank association that supports 200 food banks across the United States providing 6.6 billion meals to tens of millions of people through 60,000 partner pantries. For more information, visit* [*www.brafb.org*](http://www.brafb.org)*.*