

“Operation Participation” 2007 In Review

For the third year in a row, End Hunger Connecticut! launched the small grants program “Operation Participation” to encourage more children receiving free summer meals through the federal Summer Food Service Program. Five grants of \$750 were open to all summer food sponsors up to the challenge of creating and implementing unique ways to get more children participating at open sites. Chosen sponsors determined how best to use the funds through promotional and recreational activities, such as raffles, themed-activity days, nutrition games, and gardening workshops. Together the sponsors served more than **18,000 additional meals and 400 more children each day!** The supplementary funds have once again gone a long way in feeding more children and providing opportunities for a fun, safe summer.

2007 “Operation Participation” Recipients

- Community Renewal Team, Middletown
- Education Connection, Torrington
- East Hartford Public Schools, East Hartford
- Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group, North Grosvenordale, CT



“Operation Participation” 2007 Increases in Participation by Meals Served

Operation Participation Recipients 2007	Meals Served 2006	Meals Served 2007	% Change 06-07
CRT of Middletown	3,755	8,857	136%
Education Connection	1,849	2,455	33%
East Hartford	15,073	26,524	76%
TEEG	1,987	3,117	57%
Average Increase in Meals Served: 76%			

Note: TEEG has received this funding for three years in a row and as a result has more than doubled the number of meals served since 2005. Middletown is a two time recipient and has tripled the amount of meals served since 2005.

