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**ALABAMA’S USDA “TURNIP THE BEET” NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS**

**MONTGOMERY, Ala.** – The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) would like to announce the 2021 winners of “The Turnip the Beet Award.” Every year the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) recognizes 84 summer meal organizations across the nation, in three award categories: *Gold, Silver, and Bronze.*



**BREAK for a PLATE**  
SUMMER

This award is given to organizations who perform exceptional service while meeting the needs of children in Alabama by providing meals when school is not in session.

High-quality summer meals provide daily energy and help make sure children are healthy and ready to learn when they return to school in the fall.

The *Turnip the Beet Award* was created to showcase sponsors who are going above and beyond to ensure that children in their care are receiving quality meals that are both nutritious and appetizing.

Nominations are evaluated using criteria in several categories, which include meal preparation, menu planning, and service to children.

“We truly thank all the organizations who provided meals during the summer for our children in Alabama,” said Mrs. Angelice Lowe, ALSDE Child Nutrition Programs Director. “Children in local communities depend on these organizations for nutrition during the summer, in order to be ready both mentally and physically once school begins each year.”

On behalf of the ALSDE Child Nutrition Department we proudly recognize the following awardees.

*Turnip of the Beet Silver Award Recipient:*

- **Montgomery Public Schools Child Nutrition Program**

*Turnip the Beet Bronze Award Recipients:*

- **The Alabama Food Bank Association**
- **The City of Dothan**

For more information about the Summer Food Service Program visit  
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