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About Range

Range is a mobile app that displays the nearest place in time and location for a school age youth to get a free summer meal. Range is available for Windows, Android and iOS mobile phones via <http://www.RangeApp.org>

Range is built to make it exceptionally easy for trusted community messengers – people like librarians and clergy – to share information about summer lunch programs.

Food insecurity increases for youth during the summer. Only 1 in 6 kids who access the federal-funded lunch programs access summer meals. As school lets out for the summer, youth lose the easy place to go to get a meal – the school cafeteria. But free summer meals are everywhere – in community parks, at pools, in apartment complexes, at libraries and, yes, sometimes even at schools that are otherwise closed for the summer months.

We built Range because we believe that helping with youth hunger is everyone's job. If we can make it easy for people to share the news about resources that exist, more kids will eat during the summer.

Range was built by Caravan Studios. We have also built SafeNight to help provide urgently needed shelter in the areas of domestic violence and human trafficking and have recently launch 4Bells, a mobile service that helps mobilize volunteers after a disaster.

Range Facts

- Summer meal sites listed in Range: 42,682 (as of July 9, 2014)
- US States represented: 50, + Washington, D.C.
- Sites in Range updated: Weekly
- Funded by: Microsoft Citizenship
(<http://www.microsoft.com/about/corporatecitizenship/en-us/>)
- Launch date: April 7, 2014
- Youth receiving free or reduced price school lunch in FY2013: 21.5
(<http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/pd/slsummar.pdf>)

Third-Party Experts

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 - California Summer Meals Coalition: <http://www.summermealcoalition.org>
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Press Mentions

School Library Journal: Libraries Needed to Host Summer Meal Programs. Here's How to Help.

by Kathy Ishizuka, <http://www.slj.com/2014/07/programs/libraries-needed-to-host-summer-meal-programs-heres-how-to-help/>

Forbes: When Change is in Range: New Mobile App Connects School Kids With Summer Meals

by Tom Watson, <http://www.forbes.com/sites/tomwatson/2014/03/20/when-change-is-in-range-new-mobile-app-connects-school-kids-with-summer-meals/>

Blue Sky Innovation, Chicago Tribune: How an app can connect children with summer meal programs

by Haley BeMiller, <http://bluesky.chicagotribune.com/originals/chi-greater-chicago-food-depository-app-bsi,0,0.story>

About Caravan Studios

Caravan Studios is the newest division of TechSoup Global, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Caravan Studios works with communities to develop tools that help them organize, access, and use local resources to address pressing problems. Caravan Studios is based in San Francisco, CA and has been funded by Microsoft Citizenship, Blue Shield of California Foundation, Vodafone Americas Foundation, Humanity United, and the Full Circle Fund.

Find out more about Caravan Studios at www.caravanstudios.org or follow it on Twitter [@caravanstudios](https://twitter.com/caravanstudios). TechSoup Global is online at www.techsoupglobal.org.

Bio for Marnie Webb

Marnie Webb is the CEO of Caravan Studios, a division of TechSoup Global, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Caravan Studios' collaborative approach engages communities to respond to the issues they care about most.

Previously, Webb was co-CEO of TechSoup Global, a 25-year-old organization that distributes more than \$600 million in donated technology to NGOs world-wide. In this role, Webb counseled Fortune 500 technology companies, such as Cisco and Microsoft, on philanthropic initiatives that align with their business objectives and recognize the creativity and innovation that nonprofits have to offer.