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## 'Lawmakers & Volunteers Serve Food to Children, Recognize Task Force'

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**Elmira, N.Y., August 10--**Senator O'Mara joined Congressman Tom Reed (R-Corning) and Elmira Mayor Dan Mandell (R-Elmira) yesterday to pay a visit to the children and families participating in the Chemung County Child Hunger Task Force's Summer Lunch Program at Katy Leary Park.

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“We just want to convey the importance of this program,” Food Bank of the Southern Tier President Natasha Thompson said. “The impact that this program has on the ground.”

“Child hunger is prevalent throughout our state and throughout our country unfortunately,” Senator O’Mara said. “There’s no better work in the world than helping kids.”

Read more (and see attached copy above) in *The Leader*, "**Lawmakers mull childhood hunger**"

Read (including a listing of the 14 Chemung County sites offering free meals throughout the summer) and watch more on *WENY-TV*, "**Free Summer Meal Program for Kids Continues Helping Families**"

Read and watch more on *WETM-TV*, "**Lawmakers & Volunteers Serve Food to Children, Recognize 'Task Force'**"