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Families, assisted by volunteers, participate in a free lunch program sponsored by Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas at the Johnson County Central Resource Library in Overland Park, Kansas, July 18. (NCR photo/James Dearie) See related story below.



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