



Partner Agency Newsletter

August 2016

Spotlight

GRAND OPENING: Helping Hands Food Pantry – Dripping Springs

The Helping Hands Food Pantry in Dripping Springs moved into a brand new facility this past month. One of the board members, Patty White, said she just wants to kiss it! The old pantry, which was a converted steel metal shed, had no running water and no space for growth. The new facility has an additional classroom to hold nutrition classes or health screenings. A Wesley nurse helps with prescriptions, performs eye and dental screenings, and can refer clients to support groups or other networks. In addition to health services, Helping Hands incorporates a client choice distribution model, which empowers clients and provides a specialty food store feel! H-E-B and Wilsons & Whirlpool have donated food shelves, coolers, and freezers for the pantry renovation, further improving the pantry environment. The dedication shown from the Dripping Springs community, board members, and 100+ volunteers will make an even larger impact in the community they serve through this new facility. Congratulations, Helping Hands!!!



Pictured above is the old pantry to the left and the new facility to the right

Central Texas Food Bank Friendly Face

Zane Barnett: Warehouse Distribution Lead

Zane has worked with the Food Bank for the past 6 years. He can always be found working hard in the warehouse when you come for pick-ups or to use the shop-for. When asked what his favorite part of the new facility is he replied, “That *Big Ass* fan!” (That really is the brand name)! Zane would like to reinforce that everyone at the Food Bank does the best they can, which means hard and dirty work is needed from the agencies at times. Every day that goes smoothly feeding people in need is rewarding for Zane.



Current News

Tours: We are offering public tours of the new facility until August 31st on Wednesdays at 8:30 A.M. and on Fridays at 11:30 A.M. RSVP to Amy Elms at aelms@centraltexasfoodbank.com



Produce now available on Agency Express!

Our old facility did not have the space to stage produce for agencies that pickup from the dock, but now we do! All agencies are encouraged to purchase produce from the Agency Express shopping list and utilize our large “shop-for” area.

Banana Boxes: The warehouse is running low on banana boxes. Please return all banana boxes so that we can continue to send food out to all of our partners!

Submit Monthly Reports

Monthly Reports for July are due August 1st, but will be accepted until August 15th. Make sure to submit your reports **HERE**, <https://www.centraltexasfoodbank.org/agency-reporting> to avoid being put on hold.

Reports are found on the Central Texas Food Bank’s website -> Agencies Tab -> Reporting tab on left side -> Partner Agency Monthly Report

What’s Happening This Month

Austin Chronicle’s 26th Annual Hot Sauce Festival

August 21, 11:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Fiesta Gardens, 2101 Jesse E Segovia St., Austin, TX, 78702



Known as the largest hot sauce festival in the world, attendees can sample a variety of hot sauce, enjoy a blind-tasting competition, vendors, and live music, and take part in the Central Texas Food Bank’s annual sizzlin’ summer raffle. Admission to the festival is just 3 nonperishable food items or a \$5 cash donation per attendee.

Social Services

SET UP AN APPOINTMENT TO LEARN MORE!

The SNAP team can be reached at 512-684-2550

Did you know the Central Texas Food Bank has our Social Services department that can help your clients apply for SNAP?! All of our Social Service Coordinators are certified Case Navigators and provide application assistance throughout the community. They can also help with applications for Medicaid for Adults and Children, TANF, CHIP, Medicare Savings Program, and the Women's Health Program.

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