



Partner Agency Newsletter

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Spotlight: Souper Bowl of Caring



It's that time of year again! Souper Bowl of Caring has officially kicked off and will continue through Super Bowl Sunday on February 5, 2017. This nationwide initiative uses the big game's anticipation to encourage people to donate food and funds to help their local community end hunger. Over the past five years, this initiative has raised more than 7.5 million meals for Central Texans in need. This year, our goal is to help provide 2.75 million meals for our families.

Spread the word! Encourage your friends and neighbors to purchase pre-packaged bags of food or donate \$1, \$3, or \$5 at H-E-B, Central Market or Randalls stores during checkout.

What this means for partners: Keep a lookout for these items on the shopping list within the next month! Last year's non-perishables included corn, green beans, rice, peanut butter, tuna and more!

Current News: Frozen Turkeys – PRICE DROP!

Grab them while they last. Purchased Frozen Turkeys are now available on the shopping list for a subsidized price. This means they are ½ the original handling fee cost!

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- **Purchased Foods (Subsidized and Co-Op):** The Food Bank budgets funding for shelf-stable staple food items for partner agencies and programs. This money is typically used to fill the gaps on the staple items we receive through USDA-TEFAP. For example, if we know we will not be receiving any canned vegetables in a given month through TEFAP, we may choose to purchase a truckload of canned vegetables. We work with vendors to ensure the lowest prices, and then these items are “subsidized” to partner agencies and programs – meaning they go onto our shopping list at only a percentage of the Food Bank’s costs (typically 50%) or “Co-Op’d” to partner agencies and programs at the Food Bank’s full cost.

Policy Review:

Food should only be accepted from donors if the donation adheres to all local and state food safety guidelines. Examples of prepared foods are items made at the donor site, such as fresh bagels, whole pizzas, and trays of catered food. If your agency is receiving prepared food donations and the donor is not labeling the donations correctly, please share this information with them and/or use these [handy labels](#) (located in Resource Center)!

Allergen Statement: Warning! <i>This container holds rescued food. This food may contain, have come in contact with, or have been produced in a facility which also produces milk, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, fish, shellfish, wheat, soybeans, and/or sesame seeds.</i>	
Donor:	 <p>CENTRAL TEXAS FOOD BANK</p> <p>Donation for Central Texas Food Bank 6500 Metropolis Drive Austin, TX 78744</p>
Address:	
Item Description:	
Date of Donation:	

Acceptable Donations:

- Completely wrapped in approved food grade packaging.
- Proper labeling.
- Cooled quickly if previously held hot.
- At 41°F or below. Fully frozen is preferred.

Labels must contain the following components:

- The name and location of the Food Bank (6500 Metropolis Dr. Austin, TX 78744)
- The name and location of the donor.
- The food description.
- The date of donation.
- Allergen disclaimer statement or a list of ingredients. (Example of disclaimer: Warning! This container holds rescued food. This food may contain, have come in contact with, or have been produced in a facility which also produces milk, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, fish, shellfish, wheat, soybeans, and/or sesame seeds.)

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