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Local Students Unite to Donate Thousands of Meals and Warm Coats for Austin Residents

A Legacy of Giving's Annual Day of Service is Friday, December 1

Austin, TX - Nearly 800 students from several Austin-area school districts will gather on Friday, Dec. 1, 2017, at the [Central Texas Food Bank](#) to unload and donate collections of food and coats for [A Legacy of Giving's](#) (Legacy) ninth annual Day of Service.

Day of Service is a city-wide event that brings together students from diverse schools, nonprofit partners, school district representatives, local media and community members. It is the culminating event for the Food and Coat Drive, which all 42 Legacy schools are leading on their campuses. The food is donated to the Central Texas Food Bank and the warm coats are contributed to [Junior League of Austin's](#) Coats for Kids.

In 2016, the students donated more than 28,000 pounds of food and nearly 2,000 coats and the students are hoping to surpass those numbers this year.

The event will begin at 10:00 A.M. at the Central Texas Food Bank (6500 Metropolis Drive, Austin, TX 78744) and will conclude by 1:00 P.M. Students will enthusiastically unload the food and coats from PODS containers, while wearing Day of Service t-shirts and dancing to music provided by a DJ. Students will be served lunch, donated by H-E-B, participate in nutrition education activities and volunteer inside the Food Bank. This joyous gathering will provide thousands of meals and coats for local residents in need as winter approaches.

"Legacy's Day of Service is a rare opportunity for a diverse group of students, from a variety of public and private schools in the Austin-area, to come together with a common goal of giving back to our community. The students have learned about hunger and food insecurity in our area, they have advocated on behalf of that issue and worked very hard to lead food and coat drives on their campuses. We are thrilled to celebrate their commitment and efforts." - Caroline Page, Executive Director, A Legacy of Giving

"The Day of Service is a yearly highlight for us here at the Food Bank," said Derrick Chubbs, President & CEO of the Central Texas Food Bank. "Not only does it help stock our shelves during the high-demand holiday season, the enthusiasm shown by the students is contagious as they experience first-hand what it's like to help their neighbors in need."

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About A Legacy of Giving: A Legacy of Giving is creating a culture of compassion through education and leadership development. Legacy envisions a society of empathetic individuals building stronger communities through service and giving. Legacy has been serving Austin-area students since 2007. Legacy partners with 42 schools from Austin ISD, Manor ISD, Round Rock ISD and local independents to provide service-based learning education, to foster an environment of giving within schools and to facilitate community impact projects among students. Legacy offers Camp Legacy during Spring Break and Summer to provide students with education on local issues and meaningful volunteer experiences. To learn more, please visit www.alegacyofgiving.org.

About the Central Texas Food Bank: The mission of Central Texas Food Bank is to nourish hungry people and lead the community in the fight against hunger. Founded in 1981, the Food Bank provides food and grocery products through a network of nearly 260 Partner Agencies and nutrition programs, serving nearly 46,000 people every week. Headquartered in Austin, the Food Bank serves 21 counties in Central Texas, an area about twice the size of Massachusetts. For more information on the Food Bank and its programs, visit centraltexasfoodbank.org.

About Junior League of Austin's Coats for Kids: On December 9, 2017, The Junior League of Austin will host the 31st annual Coats for Kids Distribution Day. Together with their longstanding partners —Jack Brown Cleaners, KVET, and KVUE — the JLA will provide more than 34,000 warm winter coats to Central Texas children in need. To learn more, visit www.jlaaustin.org/coats.

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Interviews available at the event:

Caroline Page - Executive Director, A Legacy of Giving
Derrick Chubbs – President & CEO, Central Texas Food Bank
Rachel Zander - Chair, Coats for Kids

Visuals:

- Hundreds of students and volunteers joyfully unloading dozens of storage PODS filled with donated warm coats and canned food
- Students celebrating their accomplishments by dancing, participating in nutrition education activities and volunteering at the Food Bank.