



Partner Agency Newsletter

June 2018



Hutto Community Food Pantry Board Member Connie Gooding and the \$10,000 Community Impact Award winning group

SPOTLIGHT: Hunger - Free Texas Project

The Central Texas Food Bank partnered with Texas A&M University last October to aid in a semester-long project that assigned undergraduate students to local food pantries in order to identify solutions to programmatic problems and barriers.

This initiative, which is part of a service learning class spearheaded by assistant professor Dr. Malini Natarajathinam at

Texas A&M University, involved 120 industrial distribution, sociology, and computer technology management students who worked together to create a meaningful and sustainable impact within their assigned pantries. The students identified areas of improvement and developed innovative and feasible solutions that would create a lasting change within the pantries. To gain a better understanding of hunger in Central Texas and the various issues food pantries and clients face, the students toured several Travis County food pantries and the Food Bank.



Texas A&M students toured the food bank and several other local partners participating in this project. (Photo: Micah 6)

The Central Texas Food Bank offered three grant awards to the best project pantries. The following winners were announced at the Inaugural Community Engagement & Impact Summit at Texas A&M on April 26th. The Food Bank would like to thank the following partners who were involved in this initiative: Operation Phantom Support, Boys & Girls Club Stonehaven Unit, Leander Church of Christ Brighter Days Food Pantry, AIDS Services of Austin, Helping Hands Ministry of Belton, Austin Voices - Webb, Austin Voices - Dobie,

Austin Voices - Burnet, Caritas of Waco, Hill Country Community Ministries, Love of Christ Pantry, Hutto Community Food Pantry, Travis County Health & Human Services, Covenant UMC Pantry, and Micah 6.

Academic and Community Engagement Award Winner

Group 12 (Caritas of Waco, Agency Mentor: Buddy Edwards)

Trevor Bartz, Celine Jacques, Emily Kenny, Christine Sanford



Texas A&M students posing after their Hunger-Free Texas presentations

Community Impact Award Winner (\$10,000)

Group 16 (Hutto Community Food Pantry, Agency Mentor: Connie Gooding)

Cody Cooper, Patricia Dossett, Mathew Romanchuk, Rosario Vega-Tirado

Community Impact Award Runner-up (\$5000)

Group 6 (Helping Hands Ministry of Belton, Agency Mentor: Tasha Roberts)

Daniels Mengual Averó, Lauren Powers, Shelby Schlesselman, Carter Shults

Community Impact Award Runner-up (\$3500)

Group 20 (Micah 6, Agency Mentor: Barry Smith)
Blake Broussard, Mateo Camacho, Ricardo Duenez, Kyle Gardner, Kelsie Warren

Community Impact Award Runner-up (\$500)

Group 19 (Covenant UMC Pantry, Agency Mentor: Dan Schultz)

Allison Reese, Peter Muller, Lukas Vogt, Patrick Wylie.



Central Texas Food Bank staff attending the Community Engagement & Impact Summit at Texas A&M University

ATTENTION:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON UPCOMING FOOD BANK CLOSURES

Closures: June 11-13, June 29, July 4

June 11-12:

The Central Texas Food Bank will be updating to the newest inventory and routing system on June 11. In order to transition to this system we will need to shut down all operations for 2 days. Most food bank similar in size to our shut down for an entire week, however we do not want to impact our agencies and their ability to serve the community so we are doing our best to reduce the impact as much as possible. Please note the days of closure below as well as changes in ordering windows for selected dates prior to shut down:

All warehouse operation will be closed Monday, June 11 & Tuesday, June 12. There will be no deliveries or pick-ups on these dates but the onsite shop-for option will be accessible.

- **Wednesday, June 6:** CERES and Agency Express will shut down completely and remain closed until the “Go Live” on Monday, June 11. Due to the system shut down, late orders cannot be accepted.
- **If you receive an order on Thursday, June 7:** Your order will need to be submitted by 12pm (noon) on Monday, June 4
- **If you receive an order on Friday, June 8 and/or Wednesday, June 13:** Your order will need to be submitted by 12pm (noon) on Tuesday, June 5

Agency express will re-open on Monday morning at 8am and will begin accepting orders for Thursday, June 14.

June 29:

The Food Bank will be closed from 3-5pm for a staff event. There will be no pickups, deliveries, or shop-for during the closure time. If you normally pick up or receive deliveries during the closure time, either order extra food the week prior or contact Michelle at (512) 684-2150 or mwhite@austinfoodbank.org to schedule an alternate pick up day at the food bank. Pick up dates and times are subject to availability.

July 4:

The Food Bank will be closed for Independence Day. All operations will resume on Thursday, July 5.

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- Orders for Thursday July 5 will need to be in by 9 am on Monday, July 2
 - Orders for Friday July 6 need to be in by 9 am on Tuesday, July 3
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Reminders & Resources:

Policy Updates

USDA made several TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program) policy revisions/clarifications that we have updated in the Partner Agency Policies & Procedures Manual. Please review all revisions below and make the appropriate changes as necessary. Download the updated manual [here](#).

<p>CIVIL RIGHTS (P.12-14) Clarification verbiage throughout section TEFAP and Explicitly Religious Activities Written Notice of Beneficiary Rights Beneficiary Referral Request</p>	<p>AGENCY OPERATIONS (P.14-19) Public Notice Meals for Volunteers and Staff</p>
<p>ELIGIBILITY & APPLICATION (P. 21-24) Clarification verbiage throughout section Citizenship The Proxy (*Requires immediate action) Written Procedure (*Requires immediate action)</p>	<p>ORDERING & PICK-UP PROCEDURES (P.30) Pick-Up Procedures: “Shop-For can only be accessed during a Partner Agency’s scheduled pick-up time” (*this is a Central Texas Food Bank Policy Update. Active immediately)</p>

Find Food Now Page

The Central Texas Food Bank has updated the [Find Food Now feature](#) on our website to be more user friendly for the clients we serve. In addition to being able to sort by the type of food assistance (groceries, hot meals and kid meal sites) our clients can choose to look at sites that are currently open. On the website, each Partner Agency location has the option display location services and additional information to help our clients know what to expect when they visit a location. If you would like to update the location information for your site, please email agencies@centraltexasfoodbank.org. We want to ensure your Agency location is accurately represented for our clients.



Partner Agency Facebook Group

The Central Texas Food Bank created a Facebook group for our partner agencies in order to facilitate information sharing among our partners! Please use this page to share ideas, ask questions, and exchange resources. The Food Bank will occasionally post about new/incoming product, grant opportunities, and general hunger-

relief news. You can find the Facebook page [HERE](#). Once you click on the “Join Group” icon on the page, a group administrator will approve your request.



Agencies Ending Hunger Facebook Group

Feeding America has also created an “Agencies Ending Hunger” Facebook Community! This community was created to focus on those involved in meal programs and pantries by connecting, supporting, and celebrating members who are working to address the hunger needs in their community. Check it out [HERE!](#)

TEFAP Forecast:

Canned Green Beans	Egg Noodles	1% Milk
Applesauce	Tomato Sauce	Dry Pinto Beans
Canned Carrots	Sliced Peaches	Long Grain Rice

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