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Austin Restaurant Weeks 2018 Raises More than \$137,000 to Fight Hunger in Central Texas

Proceeds Will Provide Nearly 550,000 Meals for Those in Need

Austin, TX – October 30, 2018 – The organizers of [Austin Restaurant Weeks](#), presented by [Tito's® Handmade Vodka](#), have announced that the event raised a grand total of \$137,408 in its first year as a fundraising event for the [Central Texas Food Bank](#). The announcement was made at a reception at the Food Bank on Monday, October 29.

Austin Restaurant Weeks 2018 was held from August 16 – September 3, when more than 80 Austin-area restaurants, bars and breweries featured specially-priced lunches, dinners and beverages, with a portion of the cost of each meal or drink going directly to the Central Texas Food Bank.

“We’re thrilled that in just its first year, Austin Restaurant Weeks raised enough to provide so many meals for our neighbors in need,” said Mark Jackson, Chief Development Officer at the Central Texas Food Bank. “These results show what we can do as a community when we come together to fight hunger. A huge thanks to all of our sponsors, participating restaurants and bars, planning committee and to everyone out there who dined and drank for a cause during Austin Restaurant Weeks.”

Hunger is a serious issue here in Central Texas, where 1 in 6 of our neighbors can’t be sure where their next meal will come from. The Food Bank can turn every dollar donated into 4 meals. So every dollar helps.

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Austin Restaurant Weeks will be back in 2019, running from August 15th – September 2nd.

In addition to Tito's® Handmade Vodka, sponsors of Austin Restaurant Weeks 2018 included [The Austin Chronicle](#), [Bank of America](#), [Bell's Brewery](#), [CultureMap Austin](#), [Domain NORTHSIDE](#), [Edible Austin](#), [Fairmont Austin](#), [ProductionFor](#), [Screamer Co.](#), [SHIFT Communications](#), [Tabulate](#), and [W. Hamilton & Co., PLLC](#).

To keep up with Austin Restaurant Weeks, bookmark [AustinRestaurantWeeks.org](#), and follow the event on:

- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/AustinRestaurantWeeks/](#)
- Instagram: [www.instagram.com/austinrestaurantweeks/](#)
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For media – Logos and other Austin Restaurant Weeks brand assets can be found at:
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/rjcz86sj5h50uht/AADaDFGakqbdXiBcEzR7ztpCa?dl=0>

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 about 300 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](#).