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Stuff the Bus Campaign Raises 100,154 Meals to Fight Hunger in Central Texas

Proceeds Will Benefit Those in Need During the Holidays and Beyond

(Austin, TX – December 18, 2018) – [Capital Metro](#), [Whole Foods Market](#), and the [Central Texas Food Bank](#) announced today that the 7th annual [Stuff the Bus](#) campaign raised enough food and monetary donations to provide more than 100,000 meals for Central Texans in need, meeting the goal set for the event. The announcement was made at a press event at the Food Bank on Tuesday, December 18.

The campaign encouraged Austin-area residents to fill Cap Metro buses at the Downtown and Domain Whole Foods Market locations from December 7th through 9th with enough food to provide 100,154 meals that will help individuals and families across Central Texas have a happier holiday. Shoppers at all Austin-area Whole Foods Market locations could also make monetary donations at the register from November 22nd through December 11th.

“Stuff the Bus plays a vital role in filling the Food Bank’s shelves during the crucial holiday season and shows the great things we can accomplish when the community comes together to serve those in need,” said Derrick Chubbs, President & CEO of the Central Texas Food Bank. “Our thanks go out to everyone who contributed to the campaign and to Cap Metro and Whole Foods Market for being such amazing community partners.”

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“Stuff the Bus has become a holiday tradition that our entire team looks forward to,” said Capital Metro President & CEO Randy Clarke. “Serving our community is at the core of our mission, so it’s incredibly rewarding to know that our partnership with the Food Bank and Whole Foods will help feed thousands of hungry people.”

“We’re so glad that our seventh annual Stuff the Bus partnership with Capital Metro and the Central Texas Food Bank was able to provide so many meals for our Central Texas neighbors facing hunger,” said Omar Gaye, Southwest Regional President for Whole Foods Market. “Whole Foods Market is proud to be able to nourish the community we call home by helping to provide so many meals for the holiday season and beyond.”

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.

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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.