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376 Households Receive Assistance at Central Texas Food Bank's Second Food Distribution and Resource Fair for Austin Federal Employees

Total number of individuals in the households served is 1,278

Austin, TX – January 30, 2019 – The [Central Texas Food Bank](http://centraltexasfoodbank.org) served a total of 376 households comprising 1,278 individuals at the second special food distribution and resource fair held to assist Austin-area federal employees affected by the recent government shutdown. The event took place at the nonprofit's facility at 6500 Metropolis Drive in Austin.

“Even though there’s a three week halt to the shutdown, many people are still hurting and trying to make ends meet,” said Derrick Chubbs, President & CEO of the Central Texas Food Bank. “To help them navigate this difficult time, we decided to hold a second special distribution here. We’re glad to be able to provide help to so many of our neighbors.”

During its first special food distribution and resource fair held on January 16th, the Food Bank provided assistance to 851 households comprising more than 2,800 people. The Food Bank also did a special mobile pantry food distribution at the Veterans Administration facility in Temple on January 24th, providing assistance to 327 households comprising 953 people.

Federal employees who attended the event received a 30-pound box of food, bread, fresh produce, and water. They were also provided with information on all the ways they can access food through the Food Bank's network and other programs that can provide help, should they need it.

As always, anyone in need can access food through the Food Bank's network of nearly 300 partner agencies and mobile food pantry distributions throughout Central Texas. To find the nearest food distribution, those in need can visit centraltexasfoodbank.org and click on “Find Food Now” on the home page.

“I’m so happy that we’ve been able to help so many Texans affected by the shutdown,” said Mark Jackson, Chief Development Officer of the Central Texas Food Bank. “Unfortunately, all of this extra demand has

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strained our resources. So if you're able to help with your donations or by volunteering at the Food Bank, please do so by going to centraltexasfoodbank.org to donate or volunteer.”

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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.