



# Partner Agency Newsletter

## January 2019

### SPOTLIGHT: Souper Bowl of Caring



The annual Souper Bowl of Caring food drive begins today! This nationwide campaign uses anticipation for the championship game to encourage people to donate food and funds to help their local community end hunger. You can find pre-packaged bags filled with non-perishable food items for less than \$10 that you can bring to any register at H-E-B, Central Market, or Randalls. You can also make a donation using a scan tag for \$1, \$3, or \$5 at any H-E-B or Randalls pin pad.

Last year, this food drive collected more than 650,000 pounds for the Central Texas Food Bank. Therefore, all partners should see a large influx of the following donated food items in early February: This year, HCF Canned tuna, HEB spaghetti, HEB cut green beans, HEB whole kernel corn, and HEB Texas creamy peanut butter. Help spread the word and tackle hunger this month! Learn more and find out how to get involved [HERE](#).

### Closures:

#### January 11 – Half day closure

If you normally pick up or receive deliveries on the afternoon of Friday, January 11, either order extra food the week prior to the closure or contact Michelle ASAP at (512) 684-2150 to schedule an alternate pick up day or time. Pick up dates and times are subject to availability. Regional deliveries will not be rescheduled, but agencies who usually receive deliveries may schedule a pick up at Central Texas Food Bank as our schedule permits. This information can also be found on our website: [www.centraltexasfoodbank.org/agencies](http://www.centraltexasfoodbank.org/agencies)

### Reminders & Resources:

#### New Partnerships

Please welcome the following organizations that partnered with the Central Texas Food Bank last quarter. If they are near you, stop by and say hello!

- Nu Hope Ministries: 3979 Taylorsville Rd. Red Rock, TX 79662
- Foundation Communities Crossroads: 8801 McCann Dr. Austin, TX 78757

### Mobile Pantry Move

The Bread for All Mobile pantry in Austin has moved locations from 1711 E. Oltorf to 2105 Parker Lane. As always, please make sure you are looking at the most updated referral list in the Agencies Resource Center online when referring clients to food resources.

### SWAP Nutrition Ranking System

The Food Bank will be transitioning to a new nutrition ranking system called SWAP to better align with current dietary guidance in January. While our current ranking tool, CHOP uses a number system for ranking, Supporting Wellness at Pantries (SWAP) uses a Stoplight Nutrition Ranking System that assigns the colors green, yellow or red to foods based on the levels of saturated fat, sodium and sugar in foods. As we transition to the new system, we will take the month of January to re-rank our inventory using the new color coded rankings. If you do not see a ranking listed in Agency Express, we are working to get those items ranked as quickly as possible. The goal of the SWAP system is to provide a practical way to implement nutrition standards, using clear and appropriately tailored nutrition guidance for food banks and food pantries. [Please click on this link for more information](#) or reach out to me with any questions about the new system or a product ranking. Hope you all have a happy and healthy holiday season! Angela Henry, Director of Community Health and Nutrition at ahenry@centraltexasfoodbank.org.

### TEFAP Forecast:

Canned Tomato Sauce	Shelf-Stable Milk	Russet Potatoes
Canned Spaghetti Sauce	Canned Refried Beans	Variety Fresh Grapes
Peanut Butter	Frozen wild blueberries	

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