



*September 4, 2020*

*This message is being sent to all members of the Central Texas Food Bank Partner Agency network.*

### **Special Announcement**

#### **Advocacy Boot Camp – Coming in October!**

CTFB is working with Feeding Texas to pilot an exciting Advocacy & Public Policy 101 class that will roll out just in time for the upcoming 2021 Texas Legislative Session. CTFB would like to extend this opportunity to our Partner Agencies that want to learn the basics of advocacy with Feeding Texas and CTFB's own Director of Advocacy and Public Policy.

Coming in October, we will host a virtual weekly course every Friday morning for 6 weeks. Space will be limited for this initial class. **Reach out to your relationship manager today if you're interested in participating in this engagement opportunity!**

#### **September Flea Markets – September 12 and 19**

Save the date! We are opening up the agency docks for another non-food flea market. All active partner agencies are eligible to shop. These two 'Flea Market' opportunities will be on Saturday, September 12 and Saturday, September 19, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. More details to come in a separate blast early next week.

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### **Reminders**

#### **Partner Agency Network Check-In Recording**

Thank you to everyone that joined us for the Network Check-In last week. Here is a [link](#) to the recording if you were unable to attend. CTFB leadership shared lots of

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great updates and resources so be sure to give it a listen. We look forward to hosting more of these calls in the future!

**Annual Inventory Closure: Monday, September 28 - Wednesday, September 30**

Mark your calendars! We want your organization to have ample time to prepare for CTFB’s annual inventory closure. In order to conduct our annual inventory, CTFB will be closed from Monday, September 28 – Wednesday, September 30. This means there will be no pick-ups, deliveries, or shop-for during this time.

Annual inventory is an important process that allows us to ensure our tracking systems are as accurate as possible in order to reduce future errors on orders. If your organization will be in need of a rescheduled pick-up during this closure, please reach out early to your relationship manager to see what may be possible. Reschedule spots will be limited and are available first-come, first-served.

Please note the changes to the ordering schedule below:

<b>If you are picking up or receiving delivery on:</b>	<b>Order Window Opens:</b>	<b>At:</b>	<b>Order Due By:</b>	<b>At:</b>
Thursday, Oct. 1	Monday, Sept. 28	12:00 p.m.	Tuesday, Sept. 29	9:00 a.m.

<b>Agency Express Closes</b>	<b>At</b>	<b>Agency Express Re-Opens</b>	<b>At</b>	<b>Regular Ordering Schedule Resumes</b>	<b>At</b>
Wednesday, Sept. 23	9:00 a.m.	Monday, Sept. 28	12:00 p.m.	Tuesday, Sept. 29	10:00 a.m.

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**Partner Resources:**

**Free Home Delivery Routing Resource**

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We have seen many partners work quickly to adapt their food distribution model during the pandemic to help meet the increased needs of our community. We want to share a resource, from the technology and mapping consulting firm AppGeo, that helps food pantries create the most efficient routes for home delivery to clients. AppGeo worked with their local food pantry to develop a system that will take a list of addresses and generate the most optimal routes for reaching your delivery clients. The user can even control the total number of stops for each route or the total number of routes as needed.

AppGeo is offering this app to all CTFB partners, free of charge. If you are interested in learning more about this tool, please visit [bringfood.care](http://bringfood.care) or email [agencies@Centraltexasfoodbank.org](mailto:agencies@Centraltexasfoodbank.org).

### **Surplus Product – Frozen Orange Juice**

Item TM100277 - USDA Frozen Oranges Juice (70 – 4oz Cartons)

We have a lot of this product in our inventory. These make great snacks for kids and adults! Order extra if you space in your pantry's freezer.

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### **General Reminders**

**We want to know if your distribution has changed (or is going to change) due to COVID-19. If you're closing, re-opening, adjusting hours, or modifying your distribution model, please reach out to your Agency Relations Specialist with that updated information or share it via email at [agencies@centraltexasfoodbank.org](mailto:agencies@centraltexasfoodbank.org) or our partner agency hotline by calling (512) 684-2503.**

Remember, we will be sharing COVID-19 resources for partners and our most updated communications on our website

here: <https://www.centraltexasfoodbank.org/agencies>

## **CONTACT THE TEAM**

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