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Spotlight: Boys & Girls Club – McLaurin-Boyd Family Clubhouse

The Central Texas Food Bank is a proud partner of several Boys & Girls Club locations in Central Texas, including the McLaurin-Boyd Family Clubhouse in Killeen. The mission of this Boys & Girls Club site is “To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens,” and they are really meeting that goal with the opening of this new facility!



The Clubhouse focuses on three areas of programming: Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyle, and Good Character and Leadership Skills. Some of the new features include a large game room, an up-to-date tech room that offers virtual learning assistance (especially while schools are closed) and an interactive projector called BEAM that younger kids really enjoy. Another game changing feature is being able to serve meals in addition to providing groceries! They now serve breakfast and lunch during the summer, and provide after school meals during the school year.

This partner has served youth in the Killeen area since 1964, and has distributed groceries out of the Teen Center location since 2008. They opened the newly built Clubhouse last July to better meet the need of kids in the area, and are now serving groceries and meals there. This new facility is located in one of the most economically disadvantaged zip codes in Central Texas, and allows them to serve a lot more kids.

Thank you for everything you do for the families in your community, Anjin and team. We value your partnership! To learn more about the clubhouse, visit <https://www.bgctx.org/clements/bigham>



Resources



Recipe of the Month: Pasta Salad with Eggplant, Tomatoes and Basil



We hope that these summer days have treated you well so far and that you are staying as cool as much as possible. This month our Nutrition Education Team is featuring the tear-drop shaped nightshade - the eggplant - harvested from our very own garden here at the Food Bank. In season August through October, eggplant is available in a cornucopia of colors ranging from purple, to white to yellow. Please visit our [website](#) for this recipe, along with many other seasonal recipes to

share with your clients.

[Click here for more recipes.](#)

Food Sourcing Forecast

Below, you will find a list of foods that will be available on the shopping list soon. On the hyperlinked items you will find easy recipes that can be shared with your clients. [To find more recipes, visit our website!](#)

Meat & Dairy	Produce	Shelf Stable
1% Milk Orange Juice Eggs	Grapes Blueberries	Pears Green Beans Pinto Beans

Chicken Leg Quarters Chicken Strips Chicken Breast Pork Swiss Cheese Slices Shredded Cheddar Cheese Ground Beef		#2 Long Grain Rice Peanut Butter Corn Diced Tomatoes Black Beans Beef Stew Walnuts Pasta Macaroni & Cheese Instant Milk Dried Cherries
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Important Reminders

Agency Ordering FAQ'S

Are you training someone new to place your orders? Need to troubleshoot an ordering issue or be reminded about a certain ordering procedure? Check out our updated Agency Ordering FAQ sheet linked [here](#) that contains commonly asked questions from partners.

Upcoming Closures

Mark your calendars! We want your organization to have ample time to prepare for Labor Day and CTFB's annual inventory closure. We will be closed in observance of Labor Day Monday, **September 6th**. In order to conduct our annual inventory, **CTFB will be closed from Thursday, September 23 – Monday, September 27**. This means there will be no pick-ups, deliveries, or shop-for during these times. Below are the modifications being made to the ordering schedule as a result of the **Labor Day closure**.

If you are picking up or receiving delivery on:	Your ordering window opens on:	At:	Your order is due on:	At:
Tues., Sept. 7	Wed., Sept. 1	10:00 a.m.	Thurs., Sept. 2	9:00 a.m.
Wed., Sept. 8	Thurs., Sept. 2	10:00 a.m.	Fri., Sept. 3	9:00 a.m.

More information about how the annual inventory closure will impact ordering windows will be available soon. 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 to your relationship manager to see what may be possible. Reschedule spots will be limited and are available first-come, first-served.

CTFB will post and send out closure ordering guidelines 30 days prior so you can plan for your pantry needs.

[Click here to download the 2021 Holiday Guide.](#)

[Click here to visit the Agencies page.](#)

Service Insights Reminder

Reminder: Coming Fall 2021

CTFB will launch a network-wide initiative focused on electronic client data tracking, called Service Insights. Through Service Insights, the Food Bank will be updating client intake processes and standardizing the information collected across the network. By taking a network-wide approach, CTFB will have the information we need to make more strategic decisions about the resources we provide and the services we are able to offer. The purpose of this initiative is to better understand the people we serve as a network.

For individual agencies, participating in Service Insights can also help streamline your intake and TEFAP certification process, simplify your reporting processes, and provide more insight on the impact you are making within your community. CTFB will also be able to provide Pro-Level licenses for Oasis Insight, a food pantry intake reporting software, to Partner Agencies - free of charge.

How you can prepare: Keep an eye out for more information to come, and reach out to your CTFB Relationship Manager or agencies@centraltexasfoodbank.org to learn more, especially if you are interested in participating this year.

Food Safety

USDA TEFAP flour, grain, and pasta products must be refrigerated during the months of May through September. Please make room in your cold storage to safely store these items.

If you have any questions regarding the intake process, TEFAP eligibility, or related to safely storing foods during the summer, please reach out to your CTFB relationship manager.

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