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| ***October 2, 2020******This message is being sent to all members of the Central Texas Food Bank Partner Agency network.*** |
| **Special AnnouncementNetwork Survey Reminder and Service Insights Information**Next week, CTFB will be sending out our 2020 Network Survey. Your agency will receive an e-mail with more information and instructions on how to access the survey. Each agency will need to submit the survey only once, although multiple staff members may collaborate to make sure that the information provided is complete and accurate. ***The survey is required for all agencies, and partners will receive an incentive for completing it.***In addition to questions about the services and programs each agency offers, we will be asking about current data collection processes and client data as part of the Service Insights Initiative.Service Insights is a network-wide effort to align our shared systems of client intake and data collection. The goal of the initiative is to improve our services and better meet the needs of our clients, using administrative client data to better understand how much of the hunger need we are meeting and make strategic decisions about where and how we provide services. We will be sharing more information about the initiative after completion of the Network Survey in October.For questions about the 2020 Network Survey or the Service Insights Initiative, please reach out to Sam Night, Client Insights Project Manager, at snight@centraltexasfoodbank.org. |
| **Partner Resources:Austin Non-Profit Relief Grant**The City of Austin Economic Development Department reopened the Austin Non-Profit Relief Grant on September 21, 2020 to reach additional non-profits facing hardship due to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. They have revised eligibility to ensure grant guidelines accommodate more non-profit organizations. The Austin Non-Profit Relief Grant has a remaining $2.4 million fund providing up to $20,000 grants to Austin’s non-profit community toward reimbursement of eligible expenses including rent, payroll, and other economic needs. The deadline to apply is October 9, 2020 at 5pm. To find out more and to apply for the grant, visit [https://www.austintexas.gov/department/austin-non-profit-relief-grant](https://www.austintexas.gov/department/austin-non-profit-relief-grant%22%20%5Co%20%22Find%20out%20more%20about%20the%20Austin%20Non-Profit%20Relief%20Grant%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank).**Vegetable Growing Starter Kits – Austin Area**Austin-area partners - Children’s Haven Association is hosting a vegetable growing starter kit distribution by the at Conley-Guerro Senior Activity Center on October 10th. First-come, first-served free distribution of vegetable plants (greens, broccoli, and cabbage), starter pots, and growing instructions.Please share [this flyer](http://cafbtx.convio.net/site/DocServer/Vegetable_Pot_Kit_Flyer.pdf?docID=2441" \o "Click here to download the flyer" \t "_blank)with your clients. |
| **General RemindersWe 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 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](https://www.centraltexasfoodbank.org/agencies%22%20%5Co%20%22Visit%20our%20website%20for%20updated%20Partner%20communications.%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) |

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