



Partner Agency Newsletter

April 2017

Save the Date!

The Central Texas Food Bank would like to invite you to join us on Monday June 26th for our annual Partner Agency Conference. It will be held at Norris Conference Centers at North Cross Mall, 2525 W Anderson Ln #365, Austin, TX 78757.

Keep an eye out for a formal invitation to be sent out later this month.

Registration will begin April 17th and run until June 14th.

Agency Spotlight: Casa Marianella

Started in 1986, [Casa Marianella](#) shelters 500 individuals yearly on average from around the world, as well as providing such services to the community as immigration legal assistance, ESL classes, and an oriental medicine clinic. For at least the past 20 years, most of the food provided to Casa's residents comes from the Central Texas Food Bank. Every afternoon a staff member accompanied by volunteers from the local community evaluate the pantry stock to create a meal that can feed residents from many different cultures. The kitchen is the heart of any home, and that's no different at Casa Marianella.

In 29 years, the population at Casa has evolved from survivors of the Salvadoran Civil War to asylum-seeking refugees and other immigrants from over 40 countries. Currently, Casa is predominantly home to peoples from Africa, as well as Latin America. Refugees who have fled their countries fly to Brazil and then gradually make their way to the Texas border before being sent to an immigration detention center for screening. The people who come to Casa have been screened and released and they're ready to get their papers, find a job, and find an apartment.

Casa Marianella is a joyful community. When you arrive at the houses you will find yellows, blues, and oranges offset by a huge mural painted by volunteers and residents. Even the picnic tables feature paintings of birds, watermelons, and flowers. The setting is well suited for the lively, friendly, and chaotic mix of cultures and languages within. At the center of it all is the kitchen, which the Food Bank keeps stocked with a hearty array of delicious



foods. The collaboration between Casa Marianella and the Food Bank provides a beautiful Texas welcome to people who have been displaced and are now finding a new home.



Doing something unique or unusual at your agency that you want featured in the next Agency Spotlight? Email Colleen Ketchum at arintern@centraltexasfoodbank.org!

TEFAP Forecast

Here is a list of items we are expecting to receive from USDA/TEFAP in April:

Shelf-Stable Milk	Oat Circles Cereal	Canned Applesauce	Grape Juice	Eggs (frozen)
Dry Pinto Beans	Rice	Canned Tomato Sauce	Orange Juice	Frozen Chicken Leg Quarters
Raisins	Spaghetti	Canned Corn	Cranberry Juice Concentrate	
	Oats	Canned Green Beans	Frozen Blueberries	

Reminders and Resources

Hey! Listen! Please submit your monthly reports for no later than **April 15**, to avoid being placed on hold!

Assorted non-food items are currently available free of charge in Shop-For, along with purchased produce. Please come anytime M-F 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. to pick up. No order necessary!



Upcoming Events

Hops for Hunger: [Easy Tiger's Easy Sunday](#) – Enjoy a relaxing Sunday at Easy Tiger on **April 9 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.** The bake shop and beer garden will have \$1 Peacemaker, Fire Eagle, Pearl-Snap and Bloodwork Orange IPA. For every \$1 that is purchased, customers will receive a raffle ticket to enter to win two tickets to the Austin Food and Wine Festival or an Easy Tiger swag bag! Purchase extra raffle tickets for \$1 to improve your chances of winning. The additional funds will be donated to the Food Bank. Customers will also be able to make cash donations to the Food Bank as well. Remember, everything helps. With \$1 we can provide four meals to Central Texans in need!



Austin Reggae Festival – If you love Austin’s funky music scene and helping end hunger, come join us **April 14-16** for the Reggae Festival at Auditorium Shores! This is the Food Bank’s largest annual fundraiser; in the last decade we’ve been able to raise over \$1 million to help feed hungry families in Central Texas. Tickets are on sale on the festival [website](#). Attendees are also encouraged to bring 2 non-perishable food items or make a cash donation to help more families in need.

Texas EggFest – This year’s Texas Eggfest will be held at Camp Ben McCulloch (across from The Salt Lick BBQ) on **April 29 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** Tickets are \$40. Admission for children 12 and younger is free. Purchase tickets and get more information at the festival [here](#). Proceeds from the festival will benefit the Central Texas Food Bank and the San Antonio Food Bank. Last year’s festival raised \$6,500, creating 26,000 meals for hungry families.



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