



Partner Agency Newsletter

May 2017

Agency Spotlight: Caritas of Austin

For more than 50 years, Caritas of Austin has served people without a stable place to call home, making sure they have access to safe housing, jobs, healthy food, and life skills to thrive.

Lunch in Caritas' Community Kitchen is open to anyone who is hungry. A staff chef and 8-10 individual or group volunteers help prep and serve 300-350 meals every weekday. The Caritas of Austin team uses a mix of donated food along with items from the Central Texas Food Bank and other grocery stores to come up with a balanced daily menu.



All of Caritas' housing services begin with Coordinated Assessment, a community-wide tool that prioritizes the most vulnerable people experiencing homelessness for housing services. Once a client is enrolled in the appropriate housing program, they work collaboratively with their case manager to develop goals around regaining housing stability, increasing income, and restoring overall health and wellbeing. Caritas of Austin's

comprehensive service model also includes employment assistance, life skills and workforce development classes, and food assistance from the Caritas Pantry. Each client household can make 10 self-shopping visits to the Caritas Pantry for groceries as they transition from crisis to stability.

Since 1974, Caritas of Austin has also provided resettlement services to hundreds of refugees annually. Staff members help with everything from picking newly arrived refugees up at the airport and arranging their apartment, to cultural orientation classes, community resource connection, and employment assistance during their first months in Austin. Learn more about Caritas of Austin at www.caritasofaustin.org!

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

Our 2nd Produce Container Hub is officially up and running!

All agencies now have access to more fresh produce that can be picked up from the converted shipping container stationed at Churches Touching Lives for Christ in Temple. Flexible pick-up times, no handling fees, and a wide variety of mixed produce loads are just some of the benefits to utilizing the produce container. This program is identical to the one already running at Caritas of Waco. Learn more about how to utilize this fantastic resource on our website [here](#). You can also check out



this great local news piece about the grand opening of the Bell County unit:

http://www.kwtx.com/content/news/New-facility-to-distribute-fresh-produce-to-local-food-pantries--420355563.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=KWTX_News_10

TEFAP Forecast

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

Grape Juice	Raisins	Applesauce	Green Beans	Vegetarian Beans
Rice Crisp Cereal	Egg Noodles	Canned Black Beans	Carrots	Shelf-stable Milk
Rice	Tomato Sauce			

Reminders and Resources

It's that time again. Please submit your monthly reports for April by **May 1st**, and no later than **May 15th**, to avoid being placed on hold!

**The Central Texas Food Bank will be closed May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.
There will be no pick-ups, deliveries, or shop-for's on this day**

If you normally pick up or receive deliveries on this day, please order extra food the week prior or contact Michelle at (512) 684-2150, or by email at mwhite@austinfoodbank.org to schedule an alternate pick up day at the food bank. 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 closure will affect the ordering deadlines for agencies who wish to pick up or receive delivery on Tuesday, May 30 and Wednesday, May 31.

- If you are ordering a pick up or delivery on Tuesday, May 31, your order is due on Thursday, May 25 by 9:00 a.m.
- If you are ordering a pick up or delivery on Wednesday, May 31, your order is due on Friday, May 26 by 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Partner Agency Conference – Monday June 26

Keep this date open for the Food Bank's annual Partner Agency Conference! Registration is now open and will close **June 14**. Visit our [website](#) to register and keep up to date on important announcements!



21 County Fair: Come experience the Food Bank in a new way at the first ever 21 County Fair presented by H-E-B. Enjoy food, live entertainment, and fun interactive ways to help us fight hunger, while learning more about the service and programs the Food Bank provides throughout our 21 county service area. General admission tickets are \$50 (\$35

presale). Ticket presale ends May 5 and can be purchased [here](#). The event will be held at the Central Texas Food Bank on **May 20 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Community Partnership Night at Dell Diamond – For all you baseball fans, Round Rock Express is working to Strike Out Hunger and has selected the Food Bank as the recipient of their Community Partnership Night on **Wednesday May 24!** Get a discount to this special night and help feed families. The Food Bank will receive a portion of the ticket sales when you use the discount code. How to get your discount:



1. Go to <http://www.milb.com/schedule/index.jsp?sid=t102&m=5&y=2017>
2. Click "Buy Tickets" in the box for the May 24 game: Round Rock Express vs Las Vegas 51s
3. Enter the code "foodbank" in the "Enter Coupon code here" box
4. Once you see a green confirmation, you've successfully applied the code.

Can't make it on the 24th? Head to Dell Diamond during Wednesday home games and you will receive a free lawn ticket when you bring two H-E-B branded canned food items!

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