



# Partner Agency Newsletter

October 2017



## Feast to Famine Project:

Is your agency interested in working with Texas A&M students to improve your food distribution next spring? The Food Bank will be awarding a total of \$15,000 to Partner Agencies that participate in this project. Click ([link to flyer](#)) to learn more about this program and apply! Applications will be accepted until October 18<sup>th</sup>.

## SPOTLIGHT: Coming of Age

Retirement brings free time and an ability to volunteer in your community. Coming of Age is a volunteer program that helps people 50 and older strengthen their communities through volunteerism and civic engagement.

Volunteers in the Coming of Age program can benefit from travel reimbursement, on-duty accident and liability insurance, social engagement, and recognition throughout the year. The Food Bank encourages your agency to let your volunteers know about these benefits. For example, volunteers that pick up food for your agency could receive travel reimbursement for gasoline. Your agency could also work with Coming of Age to recruit new volunteers.

You can contact Coming of Age at (512) 854-7787, by email at [Comingofage@traviscountytexas.gov](mailto:Comingofage@traviscountytexas.gov) or by visiting the website at [www.ComingofAgeAustin.org](http://www.ComingofAgeAustin.org).



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## New Partner Welcome:

**Salvation Army of Temple:** Serves meals three times a day to individuals staying at the shelter and they operate a food pantry by appointment only. <http://www.salvationarmytexas.org/temple/>  
Located at 419 West Avenue G Temple, Texas 76504

**Austin Youth River Watch:** Is an after school/ summer program for high school level students. The students receive environmental education and training as well as financial workshops. They serve their program participants Monday- Thursday 4pm-8pm. <http://riverwatchers.org/> Located at 10611 Platt Ln, Austin, TX 78725

**Cove House Emergency Shelter:** This organization is a homeless shelter that offers a free clinic and transitional housing to the residents of Copperas Cove. They serve their residents Monday through Friday from 9am to 1pm. <http://www.covehouse.org/> Located at 108 E. Halstead Ave. Copperas Cove, TX 76522

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## Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief Update:

- We are assembling and distributing disaster boxes that are filled with ready to eat foods and hygiene boxes that contain personal care items. Within the next two weeks we will have sent out four truckloads filled with these items to the Southeast Texas Food Bank.
- We partnered with Charlie Bravo Aviation out of Georgetown, to provide water and other necessary supplies to the people affected in the Beaumont region.
- The Food Bank has provided over 590,000 pounds of food during the relief effort.
- If your agency needs assistance in helping those affected by hurricane Harvey please reach out to [agencies@centraltexasfoodbank.org](mailto:agencies@centraltexasfoodbank.org)



## Events: Feeding the 5,000

Join the Food Bank for a FREE delicious lunch made with quality produce that would have normally been wasted. There will be cooking demonstrations and guest speakers as well!

Feeding the 5,000 will be on October 19<sup>th</sup> from 11am -2pm at the Texas State Capitol.

Click the link below for more information

<http://www.feedingthe5000usa.org/austin/>



## Reminders and Resources:

### Free Gardening Classes at the Food Bank

Sign your agency up and spread the word to your clients!

#### Children’s Classes

Sept. 13 – Nov. 8 (9 weeks)

Wednesday Nights 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Sign up by calling 512-684-2501 or email [choices@centraltexasfoodbank.org](mailto:choices@centraltexasfoodbank.org)

#### Adult Classes

Oct. 28, Nov. 4, & Nov. 11

1:30 – 2:30 pm

Sign up by calling 512-684-2159 or email [gmast@centraltexasfoodbank.org](mailto:gmast@centraltexasfoodbank.org)

## TEFAP Forecast:

The list of items we are expecting to receive from USDA/TEFAP in October:

Applesauce cups	Raisins	Canned Green Bean	Diced Tomatoes	Lentils, Dry	Oat Cereal
1% milk	Canned pears	Pinto beans, dry	Grits	Rice	

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## Holiday Closures

All Warehouse & Administrative offices will be closed for the following dates:

- Thursday November 23<sup>rd</sup> & Friday November 24<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving holiday
- Monday December 25<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday December 26<sup>th</sup> for the Winter Holiday
- Monday January 1<sup>st</sup> for New Year's Holiday
- Closures for holidays staff events are TBD

Changes in ordering days will be posted in November and December newsletters, agency sign in area and notices attached to order documents.

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