



## Partner Agency Newsletter

November 2017

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### Agency Spotlight:

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“At Foundation Communities properties we’ve had food pantries for over 16 years. We started noticing that they could be healthier. We wanted to improve the quality of food offered”- Diana Driver, Health Program Specialist for Foundation Communities. The Food Bank has awarded our Partner Agency, [Foundation Communities](#), a \$33K grant to help them expand their Healthy Food Pantry initiative. The funding has been used to purchase a much needed cargo van, equipment and support programming. Since receiving the van, they have been able to distribute nearly 70K pounds of fresh produce! This is a 300 % increase in fresh produce being distributed! We’re proud to partner with them to keep our community strong with healthy food!

To learn more, [click here.](#)

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## Capacity Spotlight:

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### Fine Tune Your Fundraising

The Central Texas Food Bank is excited to announce a capacity building opportunity to enhance your organization's ability to raise funds to support your programming.

The [Fundraising Academy](#) will select a group of Central Texas Food Bank Partner Agencies for a year-long fundraising institute. Due to the program's eligibility requirements only Partner Agencies headquarters, or provide services, in the Texas counties of Travis, Hays, Williamson, Burnet, Bastrop, Caldwell or Blanco may apply.

Partner Agencies will receive:

- 1 year membership to [I Live Here I Give Here](#); includes participation in Amplify Austin Day, in-person trainings and online resources, real-time donor data, an online platform to use for year-round fundraising campaigns and an opportunity to be spotlighted in the community for volunteer opportunities and events.
- Individualized fundraising audit of your organization from the Food Bank's Development Team.
- 1:1 in-person organization consultation with the Food Bank's Development Team.
- \$1,000 will be awarded to two Partner Agencies for their participation in Amplify Austin Day; the Partner Agency that raises the most funds and the



Partner Agency that has the most individual donors.

Commitment from Partner Agencies:

- Attend at least two I Live Here I Give Here trainings and one office hour session in Austin.
- Submit information to the Food Bank's Development Team for fundraising audit.
- Meet with Food Bank's Development Team for 1:1 organization consultation.

Deadline for applications is Friday November 17<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. CST. Please visit <https://centraltexasfoodbank.wufoo.com/forms/the-fundraising-academy/> to submit your application. Only complete application will be considered. Your organization will be contacted by Monday November 20<sup>th</sup> if your organization has been selected for this program.

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## Partner to Partner Series:

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The Food Bank is excited to announce an upcoming opportunity for our Partner Agency Network called the Partner to Partner Series. This regional series is dedicated to

strengthening relationships between our Partners and the Food Bank. In order to do this, the meetings will provide opportunities such as networking between Partner Agencies, updates on funding and capacity building, and highlights on organizations in your community.

Our inaugural Partner to Partner event will be Tuesday, November 14 from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. at the Central Texas Food Bank. This event is open to all Partner Agency staff, volunteers and board members. Light refreshments will be provided. Register guests from your organization at <https://www.centraltexasfoodbank.org/story/partner-partner-series> by Friday, November 10.

Hosted by Heath Ribordy, Kara Prior, Jesse Buchoz, Tyler Markham and Karsten Darden.

Special guests: City of Austin Office of Sustainability, I Live Here I Give Here (creators of Amplify Austin), CTFB Social Service team, CTFB Nutrition Education team.

This series will be offered throughout our service territory in other regions starting in 2018. Keep an eye out for upcoming opportunities.

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## Community Events:

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### **Hops for Hunger: The Jackalope Presents "Beer Yoga"**

Beer Yoga is back at [The Jackalope Bar](#) South Shore on Sunday, November 5, as part of Hops for Hunger, benefiting the Food Bank. That means you can get your workout of the day at this yoga class while you drink beer. The yoga class is free when you bring healthy, non-perishable food item donations for the Food Bank.

Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and the yoga class starts at 11 a.m. Don't forget your yoga mat and food donations for the Food Bank to help feed families in need!

### **Give a meal with Bank of America**

You can triple your impact on hunger when you make a gift through [Feeding America](#) and [Bank of America](#)'s Give a Meal Program from September 26 through December 31. That means for every \$1 donated, the Food Bank can provide 12 nutritious meals to food-insecure families in Central Texas.

You can help your neighbors by making your gift [here](#), including your zip code and

designating your donation to your local food bank.

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## Policy Updates:

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Due to a recent Texas Department of Agriculture TEFAP audit, there are several policy changes and additions that have been added into the Partner Agency Policies & Procedures Manual. Please take a look at the updates [HERE](#). Additionally, the Food Bank communicated your feedback about the “Zip Code Restrictions” policy to TDA during this audit, and we are happy to announce that this is one of the policies that has been changed. Thank you for your continued support and feedback!

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## Reminders and Resources:

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### Reminders for Partner Agencies:

Please return your banana boxes to the Food Bank.

### Gardening Class Opportunities:

The CTFB will provide training to Partner Agencies to help them establish gardening programs for their clients, offer direct client education through gardening and nutrition classes at CTFB, support school gardens, and offer tours of our garden.

#### Children’s Classes

Sept. 13 – Nov. 8 (9 weeks)

Wednesday Nights 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

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 p.m.

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

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## TEFAP Forecast

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

Rice Cereal	Canned Beef Stew	Applesauce	Canned Corn
Canned Veg. Mix	Egg Noodles	Canned Peaches	Canned Green Beans
Tomato Sauce	Canned Black Beans		

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## Holiday Closures

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Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> (Thanksgiving holiday)

Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Day)

Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> (Winter holiday)

Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> (New Year's Day)

**Orders are due in Agency Express by 9 am 2 business days prior to pick up or delivery. If there is a holiday or food bank closure you will be notified of changes to your ordering window 30 days prior to closure. Please plan accordingly for your pantry needs.**

**Refer to the chart below for weekly ordering (excluding holiday weeks):**

**(Remember: Ordering windows open at 10 AM & run through 9 AM so you have 23 hours to submit an order for your particular date.)**

If you receive a delivery or pick up product on	your order is due in by 9:00 a.m. on
Monday	Thursday
Tuesday	Friday

Wednesday	Monday
Thursday	Tuesday
Friday	Wednesday

Please refer to our website on the Agency page for updated information: [www.centraltexasfoodbank.org](http://www.centraltexasfoodbank.org)

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