



Partner Agency Newsletter

August 2018

SPOTLIGHT: Capacity Grant Awards



The Rethink Hunger initiative was created to identify Partner Agencies that are best leveraging the impact of food in their community and allocate additional resources to these agencies. Each year, we evaluate our partners on:

- * Their capacity to handle and distribute large quantities of nutritious food
- * How they're increasing availability and access to food for those in need
- * Engagement in SNAP outreach to ensure that qualified clients are receiving supplemental benefits
- * Collaborating with social services to address the root causes of hunger

After their evaluation, our partners are assigned a score tier, ranging from Community Partner to a Platinum Partner level. Our Platinum, Gold and Silver level agencies are eligible to apply for our ReThink

Hunger Grants and request up to \$10,000 based on their tier.

We're excited to announce that we have granted \$61,754 in funding to 10 of our top Partner Agencies. The funds will be used for things ranging from purchasing a pallet jack to buying walk-in refrigerators and increasing the capacity of programs.

Congratulations to the Hays County Food Bank, St. Ignatius Martyr Food Pantry, Foundation Communities, El Buen Samaritano, Blanco Good Samaritan Center, Churches Touching Lives for Christ, Elgin SDA Food Pantry, Church of the Open Door Food Pantry, Dripping Springs Helping Hands and the Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry.

Fighting hunger takes more than just providing food to families in need. We're proud to provide our partners with grants to help them develop ways in which they address hunger.

Closures:

September 3rd, 28th, TBD Last Week of September

The Central Texas Food Bank will be closed in observance of Labor Day on Monday, September 3. 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. If you pick up at the Food Bank or go to regional delivery drop site for these days please order accordingly:

- Tuesday, September 4th shipment: order due by 9am on Thursday, August 30th
- Wednesday, September 5th shipment: order due by 9am on Friday, August 31st

*Please stay tuned for ordering details for September 28th and Warehouse Inventory closures during the last week of September!

Reminders & Resources:

Agencies Resource Center

Updated documents are always available in the Agencies Resource Center [online](#). Please ensure your agency is using the 2018-19 intake forms, printing the TEFAP Participant Rights & Responsibilities Notice for clients, and keeping the Written Procedure on file.

New Partnerships

Please welcome the following organizations that partnered with the Central Texas Food Bank last quarter. If they are near you, stop by and say hello!

- * Lometa Food Pantry – 102 3rd St. Lometa, TX 78653
- * Foundation Communities Cardinal Points – 11015 Four Points Dr., Austin, TX 78726
- * Circle of Hope Community Center – 2900 W. Pecan St, Pflugerville, TX 78660

Events:

Check out some of the events benefited the Central Texas Food Bank this month! Find details and more events [online](#).



Favor Fights Hunger in Bell County – August 2018

Favor is partnering with the Food Bank until August 31st to fight hunger in Killeen, Temple, and Belton. For every delivery completed in Bell County, Favor will donate \$1 to the Food Bank!



Austin Restaurant Weeks: August 16-September 3

Help us turn a table for two into a table for fifty during Austin Restaurant Weeks. The two-week-long dining attraction will feature specially-priced meals and drinks from a unique array of Austin area restaurants and bars



Quesoff 2018 – August 25

Quesoff is the ultimate queso competition as restaurants, chefs and home cooks compete for bragging rights as the best queso in town while helping feed Central Texas Families in need.

TEFAP Forecast:

Whole Kernel Corn	Egg Noodles	Canned Tomato Sauce	Dry Pinto Beans
Canned Applesauce	Rice Crisp Cereal	1% Shelf Stable Milk	Long Grain Rice
Canned Carrots	Canned Beef Stew	Canned Peach Slices	

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