



# Partner Agency Newsletter

## October 2018

### SPOTLIGHT: Meet Emily!

Emily De Maria is the Chief Program Officer at the Food Bank and is now directing the Agency Relations Team. She is really looking forward to getting out and visiting partners – especially those she has not worked with directly on CTFB programming. Many of you may already know Emily who also oversees Social Services, Community Health & Nutrition, Public Policy & Advocacy, Distribution Programs, and Children’s Programs.



#### **Role and Background:**

Emily De Maria joined the Food Bank in August 2011 and is the Chief Program Officer. In this role, she directs a diverse set of programs and services that directly reach Central Texans in need and manages CTFB’s network of Partner Agencies serving on the direct lines of hunger relief. Prior to her current role, Emily spent 10 years with United Way at the national and local levels, most notably as Vice President, Community Impact Development for United Way Worldwide (UWW). In this role, she led the development of UWW’s national initiative – the United Way Financial Stability Partnership™ - which promotes

community-change strategies to help low-income families meet their basic needs while building long-term financial stability. She has spent her career directing a diverse range of national and local programs and building strategic partnerships and innovative initiatives that provide measurable results on important community issues.

Emily is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and government, and a Master’s degree in public affairs from the LBJ School of Public Affairs. She is actively involved in the community and currently serves on the City of Austin Commission on Seniors, appointed by Mayor Adler in 2016. She has previously served on the boards of RAISE Texas, the Central Texas Chapter of MADD, Literacy Texas, the Central Texas Emergency Food and Shelter Board and the Austin Achievement Zone. Emily was a member of Leadership Austin’s Essentials Class of 2014 and was a 2017 Austin Business Journal (ABJ) Profiles In Power/ Women of Influence Finalist. Additionally, Emily was a 2009 recipient of the FDIC’s Pioneer Award for her work helping low-income Central Texans access affordable financial services.

**What is the best part about your job?**

Getting to work with such dedicated partners and team members in the important fight against hunger.

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## Closures:

### November 22 & 23 – Thanksgiving Holiday

Ordering details will be communicated to all partners and posted on the website soon.

## Reminders & Resources:

### Famine to Feast Project

Join the Food Bank and Texas A&M University in Spring of 2019 for the Famine to Feast Project. The Food Bank has committed a total of \$15,000 to fund student recommendations that will help your organizations increase their capacity to distribute fresh produce to your clients. Find out more [HERE](#) and follow the instructions to submit your agency's information by Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Automated Operator Transition

The Food Bank will be transitioning to an automated operator system in November. Instead of being connected immediately to the receptionist, callers will hear a recorded message of menu options. Partner Agencies will be #6 on the menu, and will be given the option of dialing by name or extension. As a reminder, relevant contacts and phone numbers are listed in the beginning of the [Partner Agency Policies & Procedures Manual](#).

### Voter Registration

As many of you are aware, Central Texas Food Bank (CTFB) participates in non-partisan voter registration efforts leading up to primary and general elections. This year, we again worked to register people to vote during the month of September thru the voter registration deadline of October 9, 2018.

Elected officials in Austin and Washington make important decisions affecting things like how much food we have to distribute, who is able to receive food, and whether we are able to provide meals to children during summer and after school. Increasing voter engagement and participation is critical to our mission.

CTFB staff are trained as Volunteer Deputy Registrars (VDRs), and are able to answer questions about voting, and collect completed voter registration applications to deliver to Travis County. ***We thank the following Partner Agencies that volunteered to allow our CTFB staff VDRs to be on-site during certain food distributions to register people to vote:***

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- Hope Food Pantry
  - Travis County Community Center at Post Rd
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- Old Farm Community Center
- Abiding Love Lutheran
- First Baptist Church Oak Hill
- Bread for All
- AIDS Services of Austin
- Travis County Community Center at Pflugerville
- Travis County Community Center at Del Valle
- Travis County Community Center at Oak Hill

### Culinary Training Program

The Central Texas Food Bank is offering a 12-week culinary training program that will run 5 days a week, 30 hours per week. This program is a mix of classroom time and hands-on job training designed to teach basic culinary skills such as equipment operation, knife skills, and basic cooking techniques and food safety. It provides real-world experience in the Food Bank’s state-of-the-art kitchen, working with commercial equipment and food production.



The program is free and open to anyone in the community, subject to eligibility requirements. Class sizes are limited so we can provide individualized attention and instruction.

Apply today and get started on your culinary career! Application deadline for the next class is December 14, 2018. The class start date will be January 7, 2019. For more information, FAQs and application form, visit [www.centraltexasfoodbank.org/kitchen](http://www.centraltexasfoodbank.org/kitchen) today. To

### TEFAP Forecast:

Canned Applesauce	Egg noodles	Canned Green Beans	1% Milk Shelf-Stable	Canned Peaches
Canned Tomato Sauce	Oat Circles Cereal	Canned Diced Tomatoes	Long Grain Rice	Dry Pinto Beans
Frozen Boneless Chicken Thighs	Dry Split Pea Beans	Frozen Chicken Drumsticks	Frozen Turkey Roasts	

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