



Partner Agency Newsletter

April 2019

SPOTLIGHT: Hunger Free Texas Project – The Year of Produce!



The annual Hunger Free Texas Project is underway, and we are so excited for the partner agencies that are participating this year. This project is a collaboration between the Central Texas Food Bank and Texas A&M University, where undergraduate students are challenged to grow as leaders and collaborators and also contribute to sustainable solutions that impact communities. Students involved in the project are working with the following partner organizations throughout the spring semester to identify solutions to programmatic problems and barriers:

- Helping Hands Ministry of Belton
- Covenant UMC Food Pantry
- Foundation Communities Crossroads
- AIDS Services of Austin
- Reveal Resource Center
- Caritas of Waco
- Micah 6 of Austin
- Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry
- Operation Liberty Hill
- Hill Country Community Ministries
- Hutto Resource Center (Hutto Food Pantry)
- Leander Church of Christ (Brighter Days Food Pantry)



This year, students are specifically focusing on helping these partner organizations increase their capacity to distribute fresh produce to clients. The Central Texas Food Bank has committed a total of \$15,000 to fund as many of the top student projects as possible, so stay tuned for the awards announcement. Good luck to all the students and partner agencies involved!

Closures: May 27

The Food Bank will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 27th

There will be no pick-ups, deliveries, or shop-for on this day. If you normally pick up or receive deliveries on this day, either order extra food the week prior to the holiday or contact Michelle White, Supply Chain Coordinator, at (512) 684-2150. Detailed ordering information will be available closer to the closure date.

Reminders & Resources:

Banana Boxes

Due to a current surplus of banana boxes, please feel free to keep them until further notice. Though this is temporary, we hope the boxes will be useful for distributions for the time being. Thank you!

Agency Ordering FAQs

Please review this [FAQ sheet](#) to avoid common ordering mistakes in Agency Express. We encourage you to share with all staff and volunteers who order for your agency.

Austin Reggae Festival

This year, the festival celebrates 25 years of bringing reggae and anything in between dub and dance hall to Austin. The three-day festival takes over Auditorium Shores Friday, April 19 through Sunday, April 21. This is one of the Food Bank's largest fundraisers and in the last decade it has helped raise more than \$1 million to help feed families facing hunger in Central Texas. More information [here!](#)

Fiesta de Salud

Free health resources, screenings and activities for the whole family on May 4th, 2019 at the Gus Garcia Recreation Center. Travis County partners, please share [this flyer](#) with your clients.

TEFAP Forecast:

Apples	Oranges	Frozen Pork/Ham	Russet Potatoes	1% Fresh Milk	Garbanzo Beans
Dry Pinto Beans	Dry Split Pea Beans	Apple Juice	US #2 Long Grain Rice	Canned Peaches	

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