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*November 5, 2020*

*This message is being sent to all members of the Central Texas Food Bank Partner Agency network.*

### **Hunger Fighter T-shirts**

For the very first time, the Food Bank has a public, online merchandise store to sell Hunger Fighter T-shirts! The purpose of this new online store is to give members of the public an opportunity to buy a CTFB shirt to support our mission. While we plan to continue providing our partner agencies with free t-shirts, branded items and other supplies, we know that we simply cannot provide enough merchandise for all the wonderful volunteers and staff at your organizations. Since many partner agencies have requested an online merchandise store, we wanted you to know ours is now live. If you are interested in purchasing t-shirts, visit our website [here](#). Shirts are \$25 each plus \$5 for shipping. After you complete your purchase, the Food Bank will mail your order.

We hope to expand the store to include other items, but for now, we are very excited for this launch just in time for the holidays!

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### **Advocacy Updates**

CTFB has been actively advocating for the restoration of recent cuts to the Surplus Agricultural Products Grant in the Texas Department of Agriculture's FY20-21 budget. As of October 1, the program experienced a 44% budget cut, which represents a loss of 1.5 million pounds of fresh produce that our food bank will not be able to procure this year. Restoring funding for this critical program will be a top priority for our network in the upcoming legislative session, and we welcome your help in our

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outreach to state legislators.

Reach out to us at [agencies@centraltexasfoodbank.org](mailto:agencies@centraltexasfoodbank.org) for more information and to find out how you can help! You can read more about the program and its impact on our ability to procure fresh produce in a recent op-ed published by CTFB President & CEO Derrick Chubbs [here](#).

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### **Reminders**

**The Food Bank will be closed on November 26th and 27th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. There will be no pick-ups or deliveries on these days.**

<b>If you are picking up or receiving delivery on:</b>	<b>Order Window Opens:</b>	<b>At:</b>	<b>Order Due By:</b>	<b>At:</b>
Monday, Nov. 30	Monday, Nov. 23	10:00 a.m.	Tuesday, Nov. 24	9:00 a.m.
Thursday, Dec. 1	Tuesday, Nov. 24	10:00 a.m.	Wednesday, Nov. 25	9:00 a.m.

For the most up-to-date closure information, please refer to the [2020 Holiday Guide](#) and the [agencies page](#) of our website. CTFB will post and send out 30 days prior the ordering guidelines for closures so you can plan for your pantry needs.

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### **General Reminders**

**We want to know if your distribution has changed (or is going to change) due to COVID-19. If you're closing, re-opening, adjusting hours, or modifying your distribution model, please reach out to your Agency Relations Specialist with that updated information or share it via email at [agencies@centraltexasfoodbank.org](mailto:agencies@centraltexasfoodbank.org) or our partner agency hotline by calling (512) 684-2503.**

Remember, we will be sharing COVID-19 resources for partners and our most updated communications on our website

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here: <https://www.centraltexasfoodbank.org/agencies>

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