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“One Love” Spirit Feeds Neighbors in Need

14th Annual Austin Reggae Festival Benefits Capital Area Food Bank

AUSTIN, TX –The largest world music event in Central Texas is back for its 14th year. The Austin Reggae Festival takes place **Saturday, April 21 and Sunday, April 22, 11:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.** at Auditorium Shores and, as always, will feature some of the best local, national and international reggae music, ethnic crafts, and food for people of all ages. Keeping with the tradition started in 1993, the Capital Area Food Bank will be at the front gates collecting a daily \$10 admission charge along with two non-perishable food items or a financial donation to the Food Bank. Kids 12 and under are free if accompanied by an adult. Suggested food donations include: Canned beans, canned vegetables, tuna and peanut butter.

More than 23,000 pounds of food were donated by patrons of last year’s event. This, combined with the percentage of the gate fees donated to CAFB, was the equivalent of 141,440 meals for hungry Central Texans. Over the years, the festival has raised more than 300,000 pounds of food for the Capital Area Food Bank.

Music for the 2007 Austin Reggae Festival is provided by Flamingo Cantina. Headlining the event on Saturday, April 21 are the Easy Star All-Stars from New York. With releases including “Dub Side of the Moon” (2003) and “Radiodread” (2006), the band established a huge following from song-by-song versions of popular rock albums. The festival is proud to announce the legendary Morgan Heritage from Jamaica as the headliner on Sunday night, April 22. Also on Sunday, Ricardo Lemvo (a native of Congo) and Makina Loca will play their intoxicating style of Afro-Cuban Soukous Music.

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“Generous food donors, music lovers from all walks of life, and folks who just want to enjoy Austin on a spring weekend... that’s the Reggae Festival we all know and love,” said Michael Guerra, CAFB Chief Operating Officer. “This is one of our biggest and most exciting events every year.”

A family-friendly event, the Austin Reggae Festival includes a special children’s activity area at the northwest corner of Auditorium Shores. Blankets, chairs and friendly pets on leashes are also welcome.

For more information about the festival, call the Austin Reggae Fest Hotline at 512-684-2525 or visit austinreggaefest.com

About Capital Area Food Bank of Texas:

The mission of the Capital Area Food Bank of Texas is to nourish hungry people and lead the community in ending hunger. In its 26th year of service, the Food Bank currently provides food and grocery products to 370 Partner Agencies in 21 Central Texas counties. In 2005, CAFB distributed more than 14 million pounds of food. For more information on the Capital Area Food Bank of Texas and its programs, visit www.austinfoodbank.org or call 512/282-2111.

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