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Food Bank CEO Receives National Award

**Judy Carter of the Capital Area Food Bank of Texas Receives
National Recognition with John van Hengel Fellowship of the Year**

Award Presented at America's Second Harvest Annual Conference

Austin, Texas – Judy Carter, CEO of the Capital Area Food Bank of Texas is the 2007 recipient of the John van Hengel Fellowship of the Year from America's Second Harvest – The Nation's Food Bank Network.

Each year, the America's Second Harvest network gives the John van Hengel Fellowship of the Year award to an individual who demonstrates excellence in leadership, local impact and national influence, commitment and an entrepreneurial spirit in the area of hunger relief.

An active food banker for the past 21 years, Judy Carter has proven to be a leader in hunger relief. Under her leadership, the Capital Area Food Bank of Texas has grown immensely, increasing food distribution from 865,000 pounds to more than 17 million pounds which is then distributed by 370 Partner Agencies.

“Judy Carter has truly been instrumental to the success of the network,” said Vicki Escarra, President and CEO of America's Second Harvest. “We are fortunate to have Judy steering us on the road to ending hunger in America.”

Carter has been equally dedicated to fighting hunger at the state level and at the national level. She has served as a member of the Board of Directors for America's Second Harvest since 2000 and as its Board Chair from 2004 to 2005. During this time both the board and the network have undergone tremendous changes in board governance and network alignment. She has been masterful in working to guide the board and the network through this transition.

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Carter also served as the National Chair of National Hunger Awareness Day for America's Second Harvest in 2002 and 2003.

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 2006, CAFB distributed more than 16 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.

America's Second Harvest - The Nation's Food Bank Network is the largest charitable domestic hunger-relief organization in the United States. Through its network of more than 200 member food banks, America's Second Harvest annually provides assistance to more than 25 million people in need, including more than 9 million children and nearly 3 million seniors in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Each year, America's Second Harvest secures and distributes more than 2 billion pounds of food and grocery products to support feeding programs at approximately 50,000 local charitable agencies, including food pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, after-school programs, and Kids Cafes. To learn more, please visit www.secondharvest.org.

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