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Executive Director Announces Retirement

Judy Carter, Executive Director of Capital Area Food Bank of Texas, to Retire After 22 Years

July 9, 2007, Austin, TX – The Capital Area Food Bank of Texas is announcing that Executive Director, Judy Carter, will retire on February 28, 2008. Carter has served as Executive Director of the Food Bank since December 1985.

"For the last 21 years, Judy has been dedicated and committed to feeding the hungry in Central Texas. She has been the cornerstone for the Food Bank's growth and success over the last 21 years," said Betty Otter-Nickerson, board president. "That said, we're confident in the strengths of the Food Bank management team to carry us through the transition, with strong systems and people in place. And we are truly grateful for Judy's service to our organization and community."

In the 21 years Carter served as Executive Director, CAFB has seen increases in distribution from 865,000 pounds to nearly 18 million pounds a year, the number of active Partner Agencies from 26 to 382, and the assets of the organization from \$74,000 to \$9.7 million. When Judy Carter was first named Executive Director, there were four employees that worked within a \$165,000 operating budget. Today, the Capital Area Food Bank employs more than 53 people and has an annual operating budget of \$5.8 million. In addition to growth, CAFB was named National Food Bank of The Year twice by America's Second Harvest - The Nation's Food Bank Network (A2H), in 1991 and 1999, under Carter's direction.

Carter recently completed a two-year term as chair of the board of directors of A2H, the only food banker to ever hold that position. She also serves on the board of directors of the Texas Food Bank Network and the local Emergency Food and Shelter Program (FEMA) and is active in Leadership Austin.

"The Capital Area Food Bank is an amazing institution," said Carter. "The mission is so compelling, the community support is so inspiring, and the people – the staff and volunteers – are so dedicated to helping people, I am grateful to have been a part of it. I look forward to having more time to pursue some other interests, although I'll probably stay involved with food banking or the broader non-profit community in some capacity."

Otter-Nickerson says the Board of Directors has formed a committee to oversee a national search to assure the absolute best candidate is hired as President & CEO. The goal is to announce a successor in January 2008.

About the 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.

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