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Food Bank Expands Support in Waco

Additional Delivery Routes Mean More Food for Hungry Wacoans

AUSTIN, TEXAS – Effective May 1, 2008, the Capital Area Food Bank of Texas will add new regional delivery routes to its McLennan County Partner Agencies.

“Food Banks across the country are seeing expanding community need for food assistance,” said David Davenport, CAFB President & CEO. “This is just one way we’re responding.”

Food pick-up sites will be established in the northern, central and southern locations of the Waco and Bellmead area to better support their agencies. Additionally, the Food Bank has allotted an extra delivery truck for this new route, providing more food distribution to the communities.

Food deliveries will take place on the 2nd and 4th Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of each month; and on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. Partner Agencies will be assigned to one of the new delivery locations according to proximity, which will simplify their supply pick-ups.

Waco has the second-largest concentration of food pantries in the Central Texas area – currently 23 Partner Agencies that the Capital Area Food Bank serves. Prior to the additional routes, nearly all of these agencies traveled to Bellmead for delivery pick-ups, and orders were frequently cut back on over-crowded trucks.

“By reducing fuel expenditures and adding an additional truck, resources are consolidated in the right direction – feeding the hungry,” said Glenda Shayne, CAFB Vice President of Community Programs.

Ultimately, this improved service will be time-saving, economical and increase community outreach. “We are confident about this growth, and eager to help empower the agencies that serve those in need,” said Shayne.

McLennan County Partner Agencies are:

Antioch Benevolence
Antioch Community Church-Feast
Avance Waco
Care Net Pregnancy Center
Caritas of Waco, Inc.
Church of the Open Door
Family Abuse Center
Freeman Center
Hands of Mercy
House Where Jesus Shines
Kids & Company
Kidz Turn
Lakeshore Baptist Food Pantry
Loaves and Fishes of Waco
Mission Waco (5 sites)
Riesel Community Fill My Cup
Salvation Army-Waco
Shepherd's Heart
St. Francis Social Ministry
Storehouse Waco
Talitha Koum Institute
Waco Baptist Assoc. CRISIS
Waco Child Care

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.

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