

HAYS COUNTY AREA FOOD BANK

Feeding Hungry People Since 1984



HOMETOWN HARVEST

WINTER 2007

Wal-Mart donates truckload of food to food bank



Albert Garcia, Food Bank Operations Manager, and CenturyTel staff Carl Bartling, David Drgac, and David Stock unload the truck

On January 11, the Hays County Area Food Bank took delivery of an entire 18 wheeler of non-perishable food at the CenturyTel warehouse located on MLK in San Marcos. The donation from Wal-Mart weighed 38,742 pounds and was valued at \$45,600. It was coordinated by Albert Garcia, Food Bank Operations Manager, and Joseph Campbell, Assistant Manager of local Wal-Mart Store # 404. The assorted food included staple items like canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, juices, and other items that the Food Bank needs every day to feed our hungry neighbors in Hays County.

Because the Food Bank didn't have room to store 22 pallets at their facility on Herndon Street, CenturyTel agreed to house the donation in their warehouse located just a few blocks from the Food Bank. Albert Garcia comments, "We really appreciate Wal-Mart stepping up to the plate to help us out with this donation. And CenturyTel made it all possible because we had no place to put it. My thanks to CenturyTel staff David Stock, Carl Bartling, and David Drgac who worked hard to help Floyd Hale, Robert Williamson, and me unload the truck."



Albert Garcia, Wal-Mart Assistant Manager Joseph Campbell, Manager Terry Yancy, and Food Bank volunteer Thrine Soto

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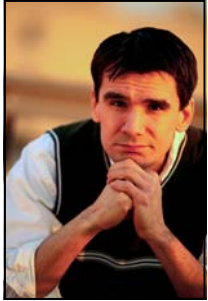


Hunger... Did you Know?

Nearly 25% of children and 20% of adults in Central Texas are hungry or food insecure*.

In order to live in the Austin/San Marcos area, a family of four needs \$44,044 to cover basic expenses, more than double the federal poverty guideline of \$20,000 for a family of the same size.

Texas has the highest food insecurity rate in the Nation.



Why are people hungry?

Poverty

The child poverty rate in Texas is 23.2% and 17.6% for the overall public.

Rents

Rents are higher in the Austin/San Marcos area than in any metropolitan area in Texas.

Utilities

Low income families spend 11.6% of income on utilities compared to 4.3% for the average family.

Medicine or Food?

34% of Capital Area Food Bank clients report choosing between paying for food or paying for medicines.

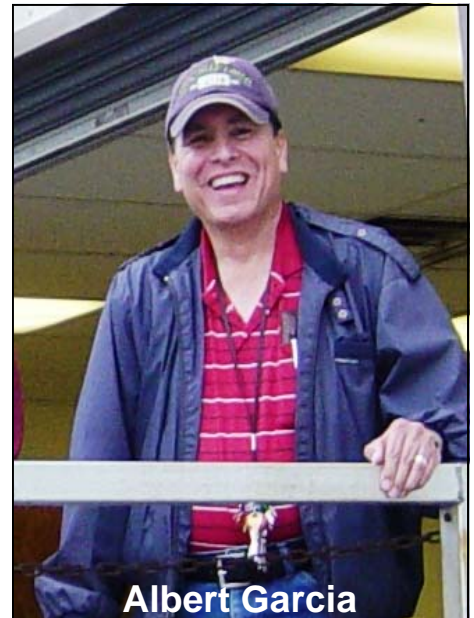
* Food insecurity is defined as a lack of access to adequate food to fully meet basic needs at all times due to a lack of financial resources

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Albert Garcia has been Operations Manager at the Food Bank since January of 2004. He is responsible for managing the flow of food in and out each day, as well as coordinating the assignments of volunteers and keeping the facility clean. His main focus is workplace and food safety. As staff and volunteers move and process tons of food each day, it is his job to see that this is done safely and that food is handled according to health department regulations.

As he conducts public distributions, Albert interacts with hungry people each day. He treats people with respect and dignity and knows that doing his job well is vital to our daily success. His greatest strengths are his ability to manage a busy workplace and work well with people.

It's a big job, but he does it everyday with a smile on his face and a great attitude. Thanks to Albert for a job well done!



Albert Garcia

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1100 Families helped at Thanksgiving

Each Holiday season, families in need throughout Hays County are blessed with a Thanksgiving meal from the Food Bank. Thanks to our donors and volunteers, we were able to provide a Thanksgiving box with a turkey and all the trimmings to 1100 families in November.

Thanks for your help!

Holiday Food Drives Yield 41,801 pounds

Top Donors

Borden Milk Products - 3,120 pounds
Keller Williams Realty - 2,673 pounds
Buda Elementary School - 2,316 pounds
SMHS Student Council - 1,661 pounds
SMHS National Honor Society - 1,608 pounds
San Marcos Chamber Ambassadors - 1,116 pounds
Phoenix Rising Bakery - 1,114 pounds
Bowie Elementary School - 1,028 pounds
Mensor Corporation - 967 pounds
City of San Marcos employees - 761 pounds
Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship - 687 pounds
Scudder Primary School - 600 pounds
Fellowship of San Marcos - 580 pounds
Hernandez Middle School - 524 pounds
San Marcos Community Church - 521 pounds
Kyle United Methodist Church - 497 pounds
Travis Elementary School - 444 pounds
CenturyTel - 471 pounds
Hays High School - 430 pounds & \$113
SMCISD Child Nutrition Services - 427 pounds
National Job Corps Data Center - 408 pounds
Texas State University - Chartwells - 406 pounds
Texas State University - Student Affairs - 405 pounds
D'Vries Chiropractic - 388 pounds
Thermon - 349 pounds
Fuentes Elementary School - 338 pounds
Butler Manufacturing - 302 pounds
KTSW-FM Radiothon - \$550



Volunteers make Thanksgiving boxes

Board Elects New Officers

Like all non-profits in Texas, the Food Bank is governed by its Board of Directors, 18 members selected from the Hays County area. Congratulations to incoming officers: Jane Hughson, President; Kirk Sedberry, Vice President; Barbara Hammer, Treasurer; and Darlene Hill, Secretary.



L-R: Board Members David Salazar, Jane Hughson, Will Conley, Paulette Wallington and 2006 President Connie Skiles discuss strategy at the annual workday last October

Volunteers Needed

The Board of Directors maintains standing committees to accomplish the mission and goals of the organization. Committee members need not be board members. If you want to help with Food & Fund Drives, Volunteer Development, Communications, Fundraising, Speaker's Bureau, Special Events, or the Building Task Force, call the office at 392-8300 and tell Becky how you can help further the mission of the Food Bank.



People are hungry

We are here to help

Every Dollar Helps

Every Can Counts

\$10 buys 83 lbs. of food, enough to help a family of 4 for a whole week!

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