

Hays County Area Food Bank Milestones 1981 - 2006



- 1981 Idea of local food bank was discussed with Community Action staff and community members
- 1982 First Board of Directors formed
- 1983 Articles of Incorporation filed and Bylaws drafted
- 1984 Organization incorporated as non-profit. VISTA Volunteers Cliff and Marie Brignall help organize the agency into full time operations
- 1985 First location opened on Texas State University Campus in back of San Marcos Hall. Mary Lou Homer was hired as First Executive Director. VISTA Volunteers Thelma and W.C. Dees assisted operations full time

- 1987 Alma Briggs hired as Executive Director. Staff of 1 employee and \$24,000 budget
- 1988 Facility moved to little two room house on campus of San Marcos Baptist Academy
- 1994 Staff of 2 employees and \$61,000 approved budget. Agency applies for funds to build a new facility
- 1995 Food Bank signs lease with Hays County to lease lot on Herndon Street. City of San Marcos grants Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds of \$80,000, Lola Wright Foundation gives \$17,000 and Meadows Foundation donates \$44,250 to build new facility. Other community donations secured & construction begins
- 1996 Food Bank moves to current location at 220 Herndon Street.
- 1997 Jane Moore hired as Executive Director
- 1999 New van purchased with CDBG funds from City of San Marcos. Staff of 3 employees and \$141,302 budget Pat Tessaro hired as Executive Director
- 2001 Food Bank signs Memorandum Of Understanding with Village of San Marcos project as Level I Participant
- 2002 800 turkey boxes given to needy families in Hays County for Thanksgiving
- 2004 Agency celebrates history and 20 year anniversary with event in November
- 2005 Notable events include purchase of new cargo van to transport food, assistance to evacuee families from the Katrina and Rita hurricanes, and 1150 families served for Thanksgiving
- 2006 Website introduced with online donation capacity. First annual report published. Staff of 3 employees and \$172,353 budget

