



Promise

A Monthly Newsletter From The Hope Food Pantry

"Within the face of hunger there is a glimmer of Hope."

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Hours Of Operation

Hope Food Pantry is open on Thursdays & Fridays. Clients need to be at the pantry no later than 9:45 AM. We are closed on most holidays to allow our volunteers time with their families.

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Staples

CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS FOR 2 WEEKS

Hope Food Pantry will not serve clients the week of Christmas (12/25 & 12/26) and the week of New Year's (1/1 & 1/2), so volunteers can be with their families.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2nd Annual Hunger Meal

February 8th, 5PM at

St. John's United Methodist Church

(2140 Allandale Rd)

Tickets purchased in advance are \$12 a person or 5 for \$55.

Tickets purchased at the dinner are \$15 each.

We will have a dinner in the form of a Hunger Meal to raise money for the food pantry. Please note the date change. Originally the fundraiser was scheduled for February 1st; however, we discovered that is Super Bowl Sunday. What is a Hunger Meal? Participants will be randomly divided into 3 groups that represent upper income, middle income & lower income status groups in Travis County. The dinner you are served will vary depending on what group you end up in. Upper income class will have a 4 course meal, middle income class pasta dinner & lower income class will only have beans and rice. If you would like to help sell tickets or serve the day of the event, please contact Earley Ullrich via email at swdolphins@yahoo.com or by phone at 587-0714.

RECESSION

We are officially in a recession. Thousands of people are being laid off from work nationwide. Many people that thought they were financially secure now fear the worst. I know you are feeling effects of the

Next Board Meeting

1/15/2008

Board Meetings have changed to the 3rd Thursday of every month at 1:30 PM @ Trinity United Methodist Church

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Board Members:

Debra Bailey, President

Mary Lett, Secretary

John Henrickson, Treasurer

Pat & Bob Cloud (Koenig
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Rosayn Curry (Trinity UMC)

Joanne Holladay (Trinity
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devastating downturn in the economy as well, but there are adults and children going without food each day. If you are able, please consider donating food and/or money to the pantry. We pay a shared maintenance fee of 15 ¢ a pound to the Capital Area Food Bank, so your monetary donations go along way. About \$10 can provide 5 days worth of groceries to a family with 4 to 6 people when we are able to get groceries from the Capital Area Food Bank.

I spoke to a client who is a stay at home mom with 4 kids. Her husband recently lost his job and has not been able to find another one. They are turning to the food pantry for the first time. Another new client who was single came straight from being discharged from the hospital following a surgery. She was in a great deal of pain and even showed me her scars. She knew that she did not have food at her home and needed to have food to take her medicine. She also needed to just talk.

We have seen an increase in people turning to the pantry. In January, we served 72 new individuals who sought help from us for the first time.

Whereas in October, 198 new individuals received assistance from us.

Your participation with the pantry by volunteering, donating money or groceries makes a huge difference in the lives of hundreds of people. Many clients express their gratitude for our help, so on their behalf I thank you.

TAKE A BAG TO WORK TODAY

The Hope Food Pantry President came up with a wonderful idea for a food drive. Buy a reusable green bag, take it to work and ask all of your co-workers to donate one can of food. Just imagine if each person did this, we may be able to provide staple items to adults and children who go without food or need a little help to get through the month. This is a simple way to contribute to the pantry. Consider doing this once, monthly or every few months.

STATISTICS

November	124	Households (new 26)
	292	Adults (new 59)
	<u>338</u>	Children (new 69)
	630	Individuals (new 128)
	1523	Pounds of groceries donated

Prayers

SEARCH FOR NEW HOPE FOOD PANTRY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Our current Executive Director, Earley Ullrich, is resigning and her employment will end around February. She is leaving us because she will be doing a full-time internship as she finishes her Master's in Social Work in May 2009.

We have received over 70 resumes for the position!!! We ask for your prayers as we narrow down the search and choose a new director.

Grace

VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS

We appreciate all of the following people who volunteered their time at the pantry:

Jane Wise	Don & Billie Glenn	Jeri Morales
Zada Doherty	Eileen Goodnow	Mary Lett
Mark Lett	Linda Norelli	Laura McMorris
Kyle Swihart	Abby Morales	Lila Peregrino
Susie Tacchi	Elizabeth Newell	Leonard Leff
John Henrickson	Susan Redden	Stephanie Humphreys
St. Andrews School	Diane Suder	Paul Carlin
JJAEP Students	Jim McCutcheon	Tish Hinojosa
Cari Anderson	Royce Collins	Jerri Morales
David Weise	Michelle Wadle	Dorothy Ledbetter
John Thomason	A.C. & J.W. Redding	Rosayn Curry
Gene & Susie Tacchi	St. Luke UMC	Vera Viehe
Rimrock Consulting Co.	Audrey Wilkins	Kathryn McNeely
LeeAnn Tacchi	Dianne Dobie	Pam Best
Christine Kraemer	Virginia Haberman	Martha Ward
Pat & Bob Cloud	Kelley Marie Brown	Lindsay Indlet
Stephanie Humphreys & Kevin Lucas	Shirley & Richard Mackin	Debra Bailey & Susan Redden
Austin District Board of Missions, Inc.	Hyde Park Christian Church Outreach	Koenig Lane Christian Church Women's Fellowship
Matthew Healey & Melinda Eckhardt Healey	Katy Koonce & Paige Schiltz	Suzanne & David Whitworth

Without all of you the food pantry could not survive!

“When I give food to the poor, they call me a saint. When I ask why the poor have no food, they call me a communist.” ~ Dom Helder Camara: