MARCH

Friday, March 15th, Orientation
Food In / Food Out
9:00am to 11:00am

Friday, March 21st, Golden Apples
5:00pm to 9:00pm

Friday, March 29th, Agency Store Closed
No Shopping, No Pick-Up

APRIL

Friday, April 19th, Orientation
Food In / Food Out
9:00am to 11:00am

And SAFB closes at 12:00
No PM pick-ups, No PM deliveries

Friday, April 26th, SAFB Closes at 12:00
No pick-ups, No deliveries

Tuesday, April 30th, Agency Store Closed
No pick-ups, No deliveries
QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“If you wait until you find something to speak up for, something that you’re passionate about that concerns you and attacks your own beliefs, then eventually, when the day finally arrives, you might also find that you have forgotten how to speak.”
— Kamand Kojouri

TIP OF THE MONTH

Agencies, did you know the food you have received from us may have food extension dates? What are those dates and where can they be located are all great questions to consider, as you are obtaining food from us. Since, our food bank has a high volume of donations and various food products; we do our best to ensure food safety and quality. Therefore, Feeding America has provided us a guide on food extension dates for all food that can be distributed to our agencies. It can be found through our Partner Agencies tab on our San Antonio Food Bank website. If you have any further questions, feel free to contact us at 210-431-8462. We appreciate your support and hope to continue fighting hunger together!
CLIENT CHOICE PANTRY

Imagine you open your pantry and noticed you do not have enough to make a complete meal. You decide to humble yourself and visit a pantry for food. Upon your visit you realize the pantry provides you a pre-packed bag. The food inside the bag is food you already have in your pantry. So, you notice you will have to visit another pantry, and hope that you can choose your own foods. Some of our clients experience at least once or twice a month. If you want to start offering your clients a choice, and your nervous about the outcome. Start slow, allow your clients to choose there breads and produce. Have goal set when you would like to offer complete clients choice. If you need any idea's or help on how to setup your pantry. We are just a email or phone call away.

For your pantry:

- Less food waste, as clients do not throw away foods they don't like or can’t use
- Your pantry can monitor what foods are popular and which are not, and base future purchases on that knowledge. Therefore, money is saved as rarely selected items are not purchased as frequently
- More flexibility in what foods to purchase; no need to have enough of every item for every household
- Less staff time spent preparing food boxes can mean more time available for staying open later in the evenings or on weekends, which may be the only time the working poor can shop
- On-hand grocery inventory will reduce in size, allowing for a smaller, more organized pantry

For your clients:

- Provides a sense of dignity which can positively impact their confidence level
- Ensures that clients get the types of food their families need, enjoy and will use
- Ensures that clients who have special food needs (e.g. diabetics) are getting the foods they need and not getting foods they can’t eat

For your volunteers:

- The volunteer work is more personally rewarding and enjoyable
- They are interacting with people instead of boxes of food
- The work is less physically demanding
Adriana’s Corner

Spring time is upon us!!!

The first official day of Spring is March 20th

Stop in to our store and pick up some fresh produce at no charge! And don’t forget to wear green on March 17th!!

New Partnerships

Please welcome the following organizations that partners with the San Antonio Food Bank in February. If they are near you, stop by and say hello!

Enchantment Neighborhood Support Service
4815 Gibbs Sprawl Rd. San Antonio, TX 78219

The Promise Land Church
9403 SE Loop 410 San Antonio, TX 78223

Neff Middle School
Closed Site

Northwest Vista College
Closed Site

Briscoe Elementary
Closed Site

If you are sending a volunteer to pick up your order please emphasize the importance of thoroughly checking the items received to ensure accuracy. Let’s not forget to remind them to check in and out.

Any orders not picked up on time will incur a re-stocking fee as follows:

Total Poundage of Order divided by 2 X 0.15¢

Unless prior notice was given to order clerk via phone or e-mail.
San Antonio Food Bank requests your participation in a project to represent clients at the state capitol.

Right now, Texas lawmakers are meeting in Austin to determine how our state will operate over the next two years. We believe it is critical that they hear from the people who will be affected by their decisions, which is why we are asking you to help us bring the voices of the people you serve to the capitol!

Recently we emailed out the request from Feeding Texas to hear the client voices at the capitol. We want to make sure to do the best we can to help make the difference needed, the cards need to be sent in to Feeding Texas by 3/15/19. If you are having or had your clients fill these cards out, you can send them to Feeding Texas or we can help you send them out. If you did not see the email request, please email Katie at kmartinez@safoodbank.org, she will email you the cards and the instructions.
DaisyCares

We just wrapped up with 2018 as our most successful year yet.

2018 impact report

76,980 Pets Served

WWW.DAISYCARES.ORG/Donate

335,970 pounds of pet food donated

29,943 families assisted

6,719 children received humane education
San Antonio Food Bank
Summer Meals Program

BECOME A SUMMER MEALS SITE FOR KIDS!

June 3rd—August 23rd, 2019

For More Information:
(210) 431-8332

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.
Program Information

June 3rd - August 23rd

The summer feeding program encourages collaborations with partners to help close the nutritious meal gap low-income children face when schools close for the summer. SFSP operates during the summer months when school is not in session, June – August.

The San Antonio Food Bank is a non-profit who is an approved sponsor by the state to operate the program. The sponsoring organization is responsible for overseeing all program operations, administrative and operative costs and the production and serving of meals to eligible children at participating meal sites. The sponsoring organization signs program agreements with eligible partnering agencies such as churches, libraries and community centers interested in signing up for the program to help serve meals to children in need. This helps increase access to nutritious meals for children in need and help close the hunger gap.

Site Requirements

Sites are the actual locations where meals are served and children eat in a supervised setting.

Eligibility

Eligible sites are those that serve in low income areas or those that serve specific groups of low income children

(Contact your sponsor to see if your site is eligible).

Accessibility

Sites should be easy to reach by foot, car or public transit.

Meal Friendliness

Ideal sites will have tables and chairs readily available, kitchens in which to set up or clan up meals, refrigerators to store left overs, and restrooms for kids and staff to use. Special consideration will be needed for site located outdoors.

Site Activities

Sites should offer educational, enrichment, and recreational activities.

SITE APPLICATIONS

www.safoodbank.org/summermeals