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Community Band Together To Fight Hunger

WHAT: Local faith and community organizations and individuals from all over Austin will gather for Caritas of Austin's 8th Annual Faith and Community Food Drive. The yearly community wide food drive will be the culmination of a month's long effort of collecting nonperishable goods and various household items.

All food donated will benefit Caritas of Austin's Food Pantry, which this year alone will offer hygiene items and take-home groceries that will make 69,000 meals. This year's goal is to collect 30,000 lbs. of food, as last year's successful drive generated close to 24,000 lbs.

Over 20 organizations are participating in this shared community experience and individuals from all over the city are expected to join Caritas in collecting, sorting and boxing all donated items. Those wanting to drop off items are encouraged to do so and can find a complete listing for donated goods under the events section at www.caritasofaustin.org.

WHEN: The Food Drive collection will take place on Sunday, April 27th, 2008. Everyone is encouraged to drop off their donations from Noon to 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Red River Church Gymnasium, 4425 Red River, will again host this year's food drive and serve as the collection site.

WHO: Some participating organizations include: Central Christian Church, Emmaus Catholic, First Evangelical Free Church, St. David's Episcopal Church, Red River Church, Westlake United Methodist Church, and numerous other local community members.

WHY: Caritas provides a service continuum for those experiencing poverty that begins with a safety net and links them to resources to achieve self-sufficiency. This year, Caritas will serve over 20,000 adults and children as Travis County's largest source of non-governmental assistance for low-income families.
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