Community Meal Resource Guide
Examples and Useful Tools

In many communities, the holidays are full of various forms of free meal events for those experiencing hunger and food insecurity, and it can be difficult to have a full understanding of when, where, and how all of these events will occur. For some organizations, it may be helpful to develop a cohesive resource guide, calendar, and/or map to collect and share this information. Examples and tips for effectively presenting information are found below:

1. Gather information about events in your community by researching local organizations' websites and Facebook pages if applicable. Sometimes smaller organizations may not have frequently updated online resources, so calling/emailing the organization may be the best way to find information.
2. Organize the information in a way that makes sense for the information you have gathered - i.e. chronologically by date/time, by event type, etc.
3. Create a visually appealing flyer that can both be shared via physical prints and on digital platforms. Sticking with 3-4 consistent colors is ideal -- using more colors can make the graphic look chaotic and disorganized.
4. If there are multiple events/locations in which meals are being served, consider creating a Google My Maps to display the same information on the flyer to create a better understanding of the geographic distribution of resources.
   a. In Google Drive, create a Google Sheet with the information you would like to include in your map, as follows:

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1	Name	Location	Additional Information
2	Feed the Need "Gobble Kit" | Bastrop South	306 Paul C Bell St, Bastrop, TX 78602	Sign-up 11/16, Pick-up 11/23 5:30 pm
3	Feed the Need "Gobble Kit" | Bastrop North	603 Linden St, Bastrop, Tx 78602	Sign-up 11/15, Pick-up 11/22 5:30 pm
4	Feed the Need "Gobble Kit" | LBA	135 Navasota Dr, Bastrop, TX 78602	Sign-up 11/13, Pick-up 11/19 5:30 pm
5	Feed the Need "Gobble Kit" | Giddings	Simmang Park, Giddings, TX 78942	Sign-up 11/15, Pick-up 11/22 5:30 pm
6	Feed the Need "Gobble Kit" | Smithville	29.999667, -97.151175	Sign-up 11/17, Pick-up 11/24 5:30 pm
7	Feed the Need "Gobble Kit" | Stony Point	121 Stony Creek Dr, Del Valle, TX 78617	Sign-up 11/16, Pick-up 11/23 5:30 pm
8	Calvary Community Thankgiving Dinner	1020 Main Street, Bastrop, TX 78602	Drive-through only, 11/25 4:00-6:00 pm
9	Open Door Soup Kitchen Thanksgiving Dinner	987 State Hwy 95 N, Bastrop, TX 78602	Thanksgiving Day (11/26) Soup Kitchen serving time 12:00-3:00 pm; plate distributions throughout Elgin, Smithville, and Bastrop 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
10	Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry	806 Fayette St, Bastrop, TX 78602	Clients receiving emergency food will also receive a holiday box, as will seniors receiving food from the pantry

        i.   NOTE: If the location for the event does not have a specific address (such as a specific spot at a park), find the location on Google Maps, and use the coordinates in the location column as is seen in row 6 above.

   b. Go to google.com/mymaps and select "Create New Map"

   c. Click the words "untitled map" to add your own title

   d. Under "untitled layer" select "import" and select the Google Sheet you created from your Google Drive -- select "location" as the column to dictate where place-markers are located, and "name" as the column to title markers

   e. Once uploaded, the data in the "layer" can be formatted with different colors and icons if desired.

5. View an example map **[HERE](#)**

Example resource guide graphic:

Bastrop County Free Holiday Meals November 2020

FEED THE NEED "GOBBLE KIT"

Sign up by 11/17/2020 at any of the following locations:
Bastrop North – 603 Linden St, Bastrop, Tx 78602 | **Sundays**
Giddings – Simmang Park | **Sundays** (Food served 5:30-6:30 pm)
Bastrop South – Primera Baptist Church | **Mondays**
Stony Point – Stony Point Park | **Mondays** (Food served 5:30-6:30 pm)
Smithville – MLK Park (little league fields) | **Tuesdays** (Food served 5:30-6:30 pm)
LBA – Riverchase Mobile Home Park | **Thursdays** (Food served 5:30-6:30)

Pick up from the same location at which you signed up:
Bastrop South – **Nov 23** | 5:30pm
Bastrop North – **Nov 22** | 5:30pm
LBA – **Nov 19** | 5:30pm
Giddings – **Nov 22** | 5:30pm
Smithville– **Nov 24** | 5:30pm
Stony Point – **Nov 23** | 5:30pm

OTHER MEAL RESOURCES

Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry:
• Thanksgiving meal items will be distributed with Emergency Services Program MWF 8:00-11:30 am, and 1:00-3:30 pm
• Clients need a photo ID and proof of residency in the form of a lease or recent utility bill
• Pantry closed Thanksgiving day and Friday 11/27

Calvary Community Thanksgiving Dinner:
• Calvary Episcopal Church 1020 Main Street, Bastrop, TX 78602
• Drive through only – November 25th, 4:00-6:00 pm

Open Door Soup Kitchen Thanksgiving Dinner:
• Soup Kitchen distribution – 987 North SH-95, Bastrop TX 78602
  ○ November 26th, 12:00-3:00 pm
• Plate distribution in in Elgin, Smithville, and Bastrop
  ○ November 26th, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

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