



THE CITY OF WACO
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DILLON MEEK
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Dear Community Leader:

The **2023 Food for Families Food Drive** is needed now more than ever as many in our community continue the struggle to keep food on their tables. Our local pantries invite your organization and its members, employees, and students to join the winning team of KWTX-TV, the Boy Scouts of America, and H-E-B in this year's food drive, set for Friday, November 17th. All food and monetary donations collected is distributed through nine food pantries to those in need throughout McLennan County. In 2022, individuals and organizations in our county contributed approximately 505,000 pounds of nonperishable food! Our goal for this year is 600,000 pounds, and with your help we will achieve that total!

In anticipation of your organization's involvement, I have enclosed a registration form so that you can take part in the **Chairperson's Cup Competition**. Each group participates in its selected class on a per capita basis—business to business, students to students, volunteers to volunteers—to prove it can donate the most nonperishable food and/or monetary donations (see registration form). To confirm your participation, please return the registration form no later than Friday, November 10th. If you have questions, please call Ann Owen, 254-753-4593, ext. 213, or by e-mail at aowen@caritas-waco.org. This year's drive will support the following McLennan County food pantries:

Caritas of Waco	The Salvation Army
Carver Park Baptist Church	Shepherd's Heart
Church of the Open Door	Shepherd's Heart of Lorena
Family of Faith Worship Center	Shepherd's Heart of Robinson
Hands of Mercy-1st Spanish Assembly	

I hope you will decide immediately to participate and send the enclosed registration form to the following address. You may also fax or e-mail your information.

Caritas of Waco
300 South 15th Street
Waco, Texas 76701 1704
Fax: 254 752 4434
Email: aowen@caritas-waco.org

Together we can help address the needs of the hungry in our community! Good luck in the **Chairperson's Cup Competition!**

Sincerely,

Dillon Meek
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