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Dear Community Leader:

The **2025 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, Scouting America, and H-E-B in this year's food drive, set for **Friday, November 21st**. All food and monetary donations collected are distributed through ten food pantries to those in need throughout McLennan County. In 2024, individuals and organizations in our county contributed approximately 352,900 pounds of nonperishable food! Our goal for this year is 425,000 pounds, and with your help, we will achieve and exceed 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 14th. If you have questions, please contact 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:

Acts Storehouse
Caritas of Waco
Carver Park Baptist Church
Church of the Open Door
Crestview Church of Christ

Family of Faith Worship Center
The Salvation Army
Shepherd's Heart
Shepherd's Heart of Lorena
Shepherd's Heart of Robinson

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

Caritas of Waco
300 South 15th Street
Waco, Texas 76701-1704
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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jim C. Holmes'.

Jim Holmes
Mayor
City of Waco