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**FOOD BANK OF CORPUS CHRISTI RECOGNIZES NATIONAL HUNGER  
AWARENESS DAY WITH OPEN HOUSE FEATURING OUTREACH PROGRAM**  
*Application assistance now available for Food Stamps, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance  
Program (CHIP), and Women's Healthcare Program*

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX – In recognition of National Hunger Awareness Day-June 5<sup>th</sup> 2007, the Food Bank of Corpus Christi hosted an open house to announce its new outreach program office located at 826 Krill Street. The office is located next door to the newly completed Nutrition Education Center opened in March 2007.

National Hunger Awareness Day is a day established by America's Second Harvest to recognize the plight of the more than 35 million Americans suffering from hunger or food insecurity across the country. America's Second Harvest is the nation's largest charitable hunger relief organization, providing food assistance to more than 25 million people each year.

Locally, the Food Bank of Corpus Christi's social services outreach program is a partnership between the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) of Texas and the Texas Food Bank Network to provide application assistance for many HHSC programs including:

- ♣ **Food Stamps**
- ♣ **Medicaid**
- ♣ **Children's Health Insurance Program(CHIP)**
- ♣ **Women's Healthcare**

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Clients receive individual counseling including pre-screening, application assistance, and help getting together the necessary documents required for processing. “We are excited to provide this service to the public,” said Bea Hanson, Executive Director of the Food Bank, “and to ensure that our two target groups, children and the elderly, are able to benefit from these valuable social services. Together with the Texas Food Bank Network and HHSC, we are building a stronger, healthier community.”

The Food Stamp outreach program is the latest addition to the many new services offered by the Food Bank of Corpus Christi in an effort to combat hunger and poor nutrition in Corpus Christi and the surrounding areas. With the opening of the Nutrition Education Center, we are now able to provide free cooking and nutrition classes to our food clients, as well as emergency food aid through an in-house food pantry.

Since 1982, the Food Bank has been fighting hunger in the Coastal Bend by providing food and personal care products to various charity and service agencies in an 11- county area, including: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, McMullen, Nueces and San Patricio. In 2006, the Food Bank of Corpus Christi, Inc. distributed 4.6 million pounds of food throughout the Coastal Bend.

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