



MEDIA ALERT:

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NEW REFRIGERATED TRUCK - RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

WHEN: Tuesday March 10, 2009

WHERE: Food Bank of Corpus Christi

TIME: 2:30 pm

**FOOD BANK RECEIVES DONATED REFRIGERATED TRUCK TO DISTRIBUTE
FOOD IN RURAL COMMUNITIES OF THE COASTAL BEND**

Grants from The Coastal Bend Community Foundation and the Kenedy Foundation made possible the purchase of a NEW 24 FOOT REFRIGERATED TRUCK to facilitate food distribution to rural communities in the Food Bank's service area. The Board and the staff of the Food Bank of Corpus Christi are committed to provide better nutrition and education to people who are in need of our services.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – March 6, 2009

Kent Williams, President and CEO of the Coastal Bend Community Foundation, Judy Gilbreath, Senior Grants Program Manager with the Kenedy Foundation and representatives from the Food Bank will be present at the Ribbon Cutting ceremony and presentation of a new 24 foot refrigerated truck to the Food Bank of Corpus Christi. This truck will facilitate the distribution of food to underserved rural communities in the Coastal Bend.

The Coastal Bend Community Foundation approved a **\$60,000** grant and the Kenedy Foundation granted **\$30,000** towards the purchase of the truck.

In response to the diabetes and obesity epidemic in South Texas, the Food Bank of Corpus Christi feels the responsibility to offer families, who depend on food from the Food Bank, the opportunity to receive a variety of healthy foods, such as fresh produce, dairy and meat

product. Our goal is to teach people how to make better and healthier choices for their families, our Rural Distribution Program will be enhanced by the addition of this refrigerated Truck.

The Food Bank has been serving 11 South Texas counties since 1982

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