

# Hunger and need know no season

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Community and campus organizations are holding food drives to help the Brazos Food Bank in the midst of their busiest season — the holidays.

Providing food to families in need throughout the year, the food bank currently lacks supplies, but local and campus organizations are pitching in.

Josie Peacher, executive director of the Brazos Food Bank, said the needs are great.

"Money always helps, but we especially need pastas, meats, beans, rice and other staples," Peacher said.

In 1995 more than 84,000 people were helped with 351,278 pounds of food. This year, the food bank expects to serve more than 90,000 people. However, the food bank had only received 61,439 pounds of food as of August.

In response to this need, KBTX is hosting a food drive Tuesday, Dec. 17, from 6 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Brazos Center.

John Boaz, assistant station manager, said KBTX is trying to collect enough food to stock the food bank for an entire year.

"This is an all out effort to feed the families of the Brazos Valley," he said. "KBTX celebrities will be there all day to encourage people to share in the spirit of the season with some holiday gift giving."

Matt Ferguson, a sophomore petroleum engineering major, said there will be an on-campus food drive in conjunction with KBTX on Tuesday in front of Rudder Fountain from

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"There will be a KBTX mobile truck with volunteers from the food bank to run the show," he said. "With all the students we have at this University, we should be able to collect an enormous amount of food."

The Brazos Food Bank serves 25 agencies, such as the Still Creek Boys' Ranch, Phoebe's Home, Sheltering Arms, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Los Hermanos Ranch, and the First Baptist Church of College Station. Each of these agencies receives food once a week.

Casey Mitchell of Los Hermanos Ranch said the food bank has made a big change in its budget.

"There's a lot of things we get from the food bank that we wouldn't be able to purchase," Mitchell said.

Mitzi McAllister, coordinator of the food pantry for the First Baptist Church of College Station, said the majority of their food comes from church members, but the food bank gives them much-needed items.

"Every Tuesday, our pantry is open for Bryan-College Station residents to receive assistance once every 30 days," McAllister said.

Peacher said the Thanksgiving holiday was successful.

"It went really well," Peacher said. "We provided food for over 2,000 families through our agencies. Donations slow down, but the need doesn't. There's a lot of people to serve."

Many Aggies have helped the food bank during this holiday season by collecting 600 to 700 pounds of food. Alpha Phi Omega, Aggie Sisters for Christ, and the Student Y Association

## Brazos Food Bank Shopping List

- \* Rice, flour, corn meal and pasta
- \* Dried potatoes and beans
- \* Canned items (such as vegetables, fruits, fish, juice, milk and meats)
- \* Powdered milk, coffee and tea
- \* Flour, sugar, oil and syrup
- \* Baby food, diapers and wipes
- \* Peanut butter and jelly
- \* Mayonnaise and mustard
- \* Soap, shampoo, toiletries and detergents

Brazos Food Bank 779-3663

are a few campus organizations that have donated food items.

Peacher said students who live on campus should look for boxes in their residence halls to deposit unwanted food.

"This year, we're also going to have a truck on campus for students to drop off food items," Peacher said. "Don't throw away any food because it will eventually help someone who needs it."

The KBTX food drive also is accepting volunteer help to sort and pack food.

"We are very grateful for all the support from Aggies," Peacher said. "We just don't want anyone to go hungry for the holidays or any other time of the year."

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# Students prepare for fall graduation

By LAURA OLIVEIRA  
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A diploma will be an added Christmas bonus for 2,683 Texas A&M graduate and undergraduate students this semester.

Two ceremonies will be held in the G. Rolie White Coliseum Friday, Dec. 20, at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and one Saturday, Dec. 21, at 9 a.m.

The first ceremony will recognize the students of the colleges of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Liberal Arts and Commerce.

The second commencement will include the colleges of Education, Business Administration, Geosciences and Maritime Studies, and the Graduate School of Business.

Architecture, engineering, medicine, and veterinary medicine students will receive their diplomas at the final ceremony.

Guest speakers for Friday's ceremonies are Dr. Carol Surles, president of Texas Women's University at 2 p.m. and Walter Criner, president of Criner Daniel Inc., at 7:30 p.m.

Rep. Greg Laughlin will speak at Saturday's ceremony.

Tickets will be available at the Rudder Box Office through graduation. Each graduate is guaranteed six tickets. Any additional available seating will be announced at the end of the week.

Don Gardner, associate registrar, said an estimated 2,500 students are expected to attend the ceremony.

## 1996 December Graduates

546	Business
542	Engineering
460	Liberal Arts
400	Agriculture
338	Education
175	Veterinary Medicine
94	Architecture
86	Science
39	Geosciences

All graduates include PhD, masters, and undergraduates.

In the past, students who attended the ceremony have displayed the joy of their accomplishment by writing messages on their caps or shouting while crossing the stage.

Craig Clotfelter, an economics graduate, said he has not decided

how he will show his enthusiasm.

"I have not come up with anything creative for graduation besides trying to find a way to stay awake during the ceremony."

Clotfelter said the workless life after graduation may be difficult to become accustomed to.

"No longer will I have to do papers," he said. "But after a month or so, I'm sure I'll get bored and want to come back and do research."

Nesi Lillard, a community health graduate, said graduating will allow her to enter into the mainstream "adult world."

"I am most excited about becoming a real person," she said. "I cannot wait to enter into the working world and not be a student anymore."

# Loose Diamonds

## Marquise Cut

Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
4.01	K	SI2	\$12500 <sup>00</sup>
1.21	K	SI3	4150 <sup>00</sup>
1.03	G	IF	5900 <sup>00</sup>
.94	K	SI1	2915 <sup>00</sup>
.88	H/I	SI3	2772 <sup>00</sup>
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.49	F	SI1	1736 <sup>00</sup>
.49	J	SI2	1155 <sup>00</sup>
.44	F	SI1/VS2	1250 <sup>00</sup>
.31	I	SI1	475 <sup>00</sup>

## Round Diamond

Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
1.75	E	SI2/SI3	\$ 8500 <sup>00</sup>
1.39	I	SI3	4970 <sup>00</sup>
1.11	H	SI1	5822 <sup>00</sup> EGL CERT.
.95	I	I1	2500 <sup>00</sup>
.93	J	SI2	3070 <sup>00</sup>
.91	J	SI2	3250 <sup>00</sup>
.84	J/K	VS1	2520 <sup>00</sup>
.71	H	VVS2	2985 <sup>00</sup> LAB CERT.
.71	H	SI1	2420 <sup>00</sup>
.53	G	SI1	1450 <sup>00</sup>
.52	H	VVS2	2200 <sup>00</sup>
.34	G	VVS2	895 <sup>00</sup> LAB CERT.
.33	H	VVS2	790 <sup>00</sup> LAB CERT.
.31	H	VVS2	745 <sup>00</sup> LAB CERT.

## Oval

Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
1.74	G	I1/I2	\$ 3900 <sup>00</sup>
1.56	J	SI2	4900 <sup>00</sup>
.93	I	SI2	3146 <sup>00</sup> UGA CERT.
.66	K	VVS2	1439 <sup>00</sup>
.32	H	SI1	550 <sup>00</sup>

## Pear Shape

Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
1.02	J	SI1	\$ 3575 <sup>00</sup>
.92	K	VS2	2550 <sup>00</sup>
.75	F	SI1	2500 <sup>00</sup>
.79	K	SI1	1850 <sup>00</sup>
.49	H	SI1	1375 <sup>00</sup>

## Princess

Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
.93	H	VS2	\$ 3520 <sup>00</sup>
.92	H	VVS2	3850 <sup>00</sup>
.65	H	SI2	1340 <sup>00</sup>
.52	G	VS1	1636 <sup>00</sup> EGL CERT.
.51	H	SI2	1050 <sup>00</sup>

## Radiant

Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
.77	I	SI2	\$ 1905 <sup>00</sup>

## Emerald Cut

Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
2.12	K/L	VS1	\$ 7900 <sup>00</sup>
.93	G	SI3	2150 <sup>00</sup>
.88	G	SI2	1925 <sup>00</sup>
.83	H	SI3	1750 <sup>00</sup>
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