



## Some Brief Facts & Figures about the Ministry

### **Mission Statement**

It is our desire to organize an interfaith alliance that seeks to serve God by serving the basic needs of persons in East Fort Bend County and far Southwest Houston area.

We believe faith is expressed in caring for the poor, the homeless and all who have no access to the abundant resources our society possesses.

### **Ministry Facts**

East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry is a nonprofit charitable organization -- a coalition of twenty-six congregations from East Fort Bend County Texas, who, together through their desire to serve God, address the basic human needs of families in financial crisis. These crises often result from illness, temporary loss of employment, family breakdown or lack of resources.

The Ministry serves families in financial crisis in East Fort Bend County and the southwest Houston area.

### **Funding**

Funding comes from member congregations, civic organizations, local schools, individuals and grants. 100% of donations support the Food Pantry. Profits from the Resale Shop support the Financial Assistance Program. All donations are tax-deductible.

### **Food Pantry**

Established in 1983, the Food Pantry has been serving East Fort Bend County for more than 23 years. The Food Pantry served 23,008 adults and 14,960 children in 2007. Each food order is tailored to the size and special needs of each family. No one is turned away hungry.

### **Volunteers**

There are volunteers serving in all areas of the ministry each day. There is a constant need for new, caring volunteers. Our volunteers assist in the Food Pantry, interview clients, answer phones, work in the Resale shop, and assist with special programs (Food Fair; Holiday Basket program; Supply our Students program).

In 2007, volunteers logged 17,006 hours valued at \$289,102!

### **Seniors**

The Food Pantry provides Weekend meals to Seniors through the Fort Bend County Senior Citizens program on a weekly basis. Meals from the Food Pantry include fresh fruits.

### **Why is the Food Pantry Unique?**

A nutritionist works with the Food Pantry to design a nutritionally balanced menu. The Pantry gives milk, eggs, meat, cheese, and sweets in addition to traditional staples for nutritionally balanced meals. Congregations' gardens supply fresh vegetables; fresh produce is also supplied from the Houston Food Bank when available.

### **Financial Assistance**

The Financial Assistance Ministry served over 400 families in 2007, representing 559 adults and 707 children in the amount of \$125,577. They received help with housing, utilities, medicine and other necessities.

### **Tri-City Churches Resale Shop**

With thirty years of service to the community, the Tri-City Churches Resale Shop remains a source of inexpensive clothing and household items for clients as well as the public. Profits from the shop fund the Ministry's programs.

*Our mission is to address the basic human needs of families in temporary financial crisis in East Fort Bend County.*

**East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry, Inc.**

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