

CORE Food Fact: *Hungry Americans???*

Most of us associate hunger with many third world countries, but the fact is hunger knows *no* boundaries.

"I'm sure we're going to run out of food today, before we serve all the people that are in line." That's Mary-Sharon Howland, director of a food bank near New Orleans.¹ But the same problem is plaguing food banks and soup kitchens across America. **This winter, a record 49 million Americans are going hungry because of the economy.**²

In Fannin County, the Fannin County Food Pantry (FCFP) operates as a non-profit organization. Its mission is to eliminate hunger by providing no-cost, emergency food for income- and residency-qualified citizens of Fannin County. FCFP is also dedicated to sharing nutrition education with its clients and raising community awareness on issues of hunger. The food products are purchased from and delivered by the North Texas Food Bank of Dallas at a cost of \$.14 per pound. If you are interested in applying for emergency food assistance, in becoming a volunteer worker at the pantry, or in financially assisting with the shared maintenance cost of the food products, contact Tillman Boyd at 903/640-8133 or tboyd@fanninelectric.com, or Pat Broiles at 903/583-9150 or patbroiles@yahoo.com. The sole sources of revenue for sustaining operation of the FCFP are Federal, corporate, and benevolent grants; religious and private donations; and the City of Bonham and Fannin County Government support. The FCFP is located in the Bonham Civic Center near the intersection of Hwy. 56 and Hwy. 121. It is open the first Tuesday of each month, from noon to 5:30 pm. To learn more about the North Texas Food Bank, visit www.ntfb.org.

Food shortages in communities like Bonham throughout America make it even more important to consider backyard gardening and/or local community gardens. If you would be interested in participating in a local community garden, please check out our website, www.texomaCORE.org, and contact CORE.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, January 30, '10, 7-9 pm, May Room of American Bank of Texas, 120 W. Sam Rayburn Drive, Bonham, TX---CORE's Films & Forums Public Meeting features the ***Food, Inc.***, the documentary that will make you reconsider some of your food choices.

Sources:

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