



2011 Annual Report





FROM THE PANTRY DIRECTOR

This past year of 2011 has been a year of blessings and challenges at the Pantry. We continue to be blessed by numerous university groups who want to help clean, operate the pantry, sort food and conduct food drives to supplement our shelves. The Pantry received a perfect score from the Capital Area Food Bank inspector early in the year and shortly following that, an almost perfect score from the City of Austin inspector. Our Little Helping Hands young children have become a welcome addition to our Pantry on a bi-weekly basis. We have had our construction challenges and through it all have become acquainted with many good hearted men who will eventually see the remodel to completion. Our very well trained safety leaders have been instrumental in keeping our recipient traffic moving along smoothly.

This year has also seen some firsts. Early in February 2011, the Pantry had to be closed due to ice. Another first occurred the third week in November when the Pantry experienced the largest Thursday attendance for the whole year. We implemented a new "early bird" team to help unload our weekly deliveries and different churches have stepped up to the plate to efficiently fill this rotating team schedule.

As we feel God's presence among us and we serve our neighbors in need, let us continue to "Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God" in the coming year.

Linda Williams
Micah 6 Food Pantry Director

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

It was the dream of the original churches of Micah 6 to do three things: to **do justice** through education, dialogue, and supporting fairness for all, to **love kindness** through compassionately serving all who come to us for assistance and to **walk humbly** with God by providing opportunities for the spiritual growth of those we serve, our faith congregations, and others who serve with us.

As a board this year we walked around our different churches to see the way each individual church ministered to our community. We shared ideas, we thought of new things we could do in our own churches, we thought of new things Micah 6 could do and we stood in amazement at the variety of ways that God works in and through our churches. As we meet each month and as we continue to seek God's guidance we are encouraged at the way Micah 6 continues to grow and work.

We thank you for your support throughout 2011 and we look forward to seeing how God will use Micah 6 in 2012 and years to come.

Rev. Cheryl Kimble on behalf of the Board

PANTRY HOURS

Thursday 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Saturday 10:30 – 11:30 am

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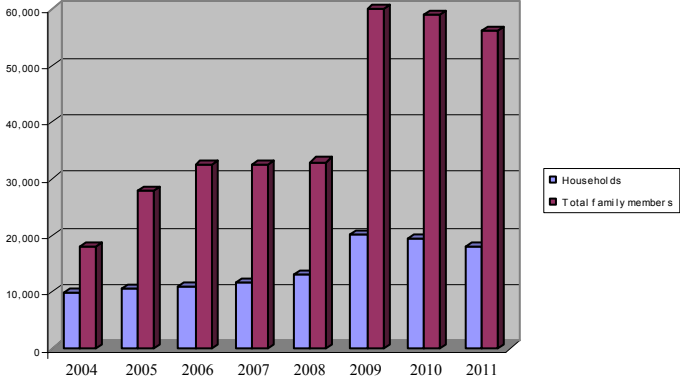
The Continuing Need

We continue to need food items like dried rice, dried beans, oatmeal and canned meat.

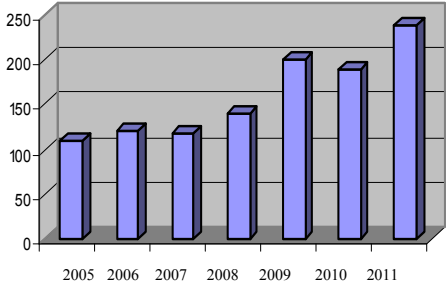
Because CAFB is having trouble supplying our food needs we rely heavily on purchasing food from HEB. Because HEB donated several gift cards and because we had many organizations donate food, we were able to meet demands this year but we're looking into other options for the future.

Numbers served through this year have varied but over all our average number of shoppers increased in 2011.

Total Recipient Shopping Trips



Average Number of Shoppers Served Per Opening



Many Thanks

This has been a hard year for food supply. Many months the Capital Area Food Bank has not been able to supply us with enough much needed food. Many groups and organizations have jumped in to help Micah 6 Food Pantry.

- HEB was generous enough to donate \$2250 worth of gift cards for purchasing groceries.
- The Northwest Hill's Ecumenical Holy Week Services collected an offering each day for Micah 6.
- Highland Park Baptist Church's VBS collected an offering for Micah 6.
- All Saint's Episcopal raised money at their Global Fair Trade market.
- Church World Service donated money from the last Crop Walk.
- The Formal Formal Committee donated the proceeds from their dinner and dance.
- First English Lutheran Church and University Presbyterian Church sold over 500 lbs. of Texas oranges for the pantry.
- Holy Cross Catholic Church donated blankets.
- First English Lutheran Church organized a coat drive for Fig Leaf.
- Diana Leal donated stuffed animals for the children coming through the pantry
- Many other organizations did food drives and donations of goods this year. Thanks to all who helped make this year a success.



Little Helping Hands has been a constant help throughout 2011. Parents and children with little helping hands bag groceries for clients at the pantry four times per month. The clients enjoy seeing and talking with the children. The children take their responsibility very seriously. They have the opportunity to see the people they are helping face to face. When they come to understand that many people struggle to get enough food, they develop an appreciation for the blessing of food they receive every day.



The purpose of Little Helping Hands is to inspire community service in early childhood. The organization partners with a variety of non-profit organizations as well as the City of Austin to offer for families to volunteer in the community. Little Helping Hands creates and organizes 25 to 30 activities each month that are suitable for families with young children and even provides snacks and drinks for the volunteers.





Micah 6 has increased their work with the Street Youth in Austin. One of our projects for the year is to partner with Fig Leaf Store at the University United Methodist Church. Fig Leaf is opening on Thursdays from 3:00—4:00 p.m. to allow the youth to shop for clothing. In addition Micah 6 helped to fund the purchase of snacks and drinks for the youth. The youth enjoy hanging out at the Fig Leaf Store to chat with other youth while they shop for their clothing.

Fig Leaf is in need of gently-used clothing. Mostly the need is for all sizes of dark-colored shirts, shorts, jeans, socks, shoes, backpacks, women's plus sizes and maternity clothes.

Volunteers are also always appreciated. Contact your Micah 6 representative for more information.

Youth Drop In Center to Open in 2012

Micah 6 is expanding! One of the dreams of the Micah 6 churches has been to venture in to new areas, new ways of service. Following our joint Worship service on Jan. 15, 2012 the Micah 6 Youth Drop In Center located at University Baptist Church will be open for you to see.

Each Sunday afternoon the Drop In Center will be open for Street Youth to have a place to sit, visit, use computers, have a meal, get a break from the elements, have access to restrooms and most importantly have a place they feel they belong.

Micah 6 has begun training volunteers to help with this new venture. Many have donated computers and printers. Micah 6 has purchased a refrigerator, stove and furniture for the center and numerous have donated helpful items.

If you're interested in volunteering or helping to support this new project please let us know.



An Abundant Response



	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
MICAH 6 MEMBER PLEDGE AMOUNTS	\$40,000.00	\$39,566.60
M6 SUPPORTING CONGREGATIONS FUNDRAISING (TOT OF FOUR BELOW)	\$4000.00	\$300.00
M6 MEMBER PASS-THROUGH	\$49,186.00	\$77,905.35
INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS		\$30,445.18
SPECIAL EVENTS & COMBINED WORSHIP		\$35,758.51
OTHER INCOME (E.G. RECYCLING, RANDALL'S) & GIFTS OF STOCK		\$9033.07
INTEREST & DIVIDEND INCOME	\$200.00	\$2628.59
		\$370.58
TOTAL INCOME	\$99,136.00	118,896.44
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
ADM/SALARY	\$15,450.00	\$14,714.97
ADM/IRS (EMPLOYER SS, MED., FUTA)	\$1,306.00	\$1,202.19
ADM/ACCOUNTING & AUDIT	<u>\$2,130.00</u>	<u>\$1,399.00</u>
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT	\$18,886.00	\$18,316.16
STREET YOUTH AND NEW PROGRAMS	\$5000.00	\$5,000.00
SUP/JANITORIAL	\$3,350.00	\$3,347.50
SUP/SECURITY	<u>\$8,750.00</u>	<u>\$9,572.50</u>
TOTAL PROGRAM SUPPORT	\$17,100.00	\$20,526.97
OPR/PANTRY FOOD	\$52,000.00	\$53,470.23
OPR/RENT	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
OPR/INSURANCE	\$3,000.00	\$2,432.00
OPR/OFFICE SUPP.	\$300.00	\$238.56
OPR/PRINTING & REPRODUCTION	\$600.00	\$849.00
OPR/PANTRY SUPP.	\$250.00	\$363.03
OPR/MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$300.00	\$0.00
OPR/MISC. (E.G. FEES & PERMITS)	\$150.00	\$164.17
OPR/PHONE	\$350.00	\$363.29
OPR/PEST CONTROL	<u>\$200.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	\$63,150.00	\$64,190.28
DEPRECIATION		\$1,808.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$99,136.0	\$104,595.4
NET GAIN/(LOSS)		\$14,301.03

Our History



2001

Clergy of nine UT-area churches explore partnering in their outreach ministries.

2002

- The Micah 6 Director from the National Council of Churches meets with interested parties, & reps from nine churches form a planning committee.
- The Micah 6 Coalition is created, becoming the Micah 6 Council.

2003

The Council focuses on an on-going food pantry program at University Baptist Church (UBC). The Council signs an agreement with UBC to manage a centralized food pantry there.

2004

- Food pantry operations expand to two days per week.
- Micah 6 of Austin is incorporated as a 501c3 corporation. (July)
- The Micah 6 Messenger, a bi-monthly newsletter, goes to press.
- Recipient shopping trips total 9,600 for the year.

2005

- Recipient shopping trips total 10,714.
- M6A signs an Agreement with the Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB).
- Randall's on Balcones Drive begins bi-weekly donations.
- M6A hires a part-time pantry director & *Micah6Austin.org* goes live.
- Sunshine Community Gardens begins weekly produce donations.

2006

- Recipient shopping trips total 11,720.
- CAFB begins delivering M6A's weekly food order to the pantry doors, free of charge. M6A is the first of CAFB's 370+ partners to receive this service.

2007

- Recipient shopping trips total 11,744.
- Hyde Park Presbyterian and Central Christian join the coalition.
- A strategic plan is adopted. The first competitive grant is received.
- Whole Foods - North begins supplying food to the pantry.

2008

- Recipient shopping trips total 13,579.
- Supporters donate \$75,000 toward renovation & relocation.

2009

- The pantry moves into larger space at University Presbyterian Church.
- A Resource Area begins, linking recipients with support services.
- M6 welcomes Highland Park Baptist as a member congregation.
- Economic distress deepens. Recipient shopping trips total 20,174.

2010

- M6A named CAFB Agency of the Year. Recipient shopping trips: 19,080.
- M6A expands its work toward supporting University-area street youth.
- A Speaker's Bureau begins, now available to spread the word about M6A.

2011

- M6A Partnered with LifeWorks and University United Methodist to provide services for the area street youth through Freeze Nights and Fig Leaf.
- M6A votes to open a Youth Drop In Center located at University Baptist Church.
- A new Early Bird team was created to help with unloading of food.

Member Congregations



Supporting Congregation



Central
Christian
Church

ALL SAINT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH*	ALLSAINTS-AUSTIN.ORG
CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH	CCCAUSTIN.ORG
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF AUSTIN, UCC*	CONGREGATIONAL.FAITHWEB.COM
FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH*	FELCAUSTIN.ORG
HIGHLAND PARK BAPTIST CHURCH	HPBCAUSTIN.ORG
HYDE PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	HYDEPARKAUSTIN.ORG
IMMANUEL COMMUNITY	IMMANUELAUSTIN.COM
ST. AUSTIN CATHOLIC PARISH*	STAUSTIN.ORG
SOUTHWEST FAMILY FELLOWSHIP	SOUTHWESTFAMILYFELLOWSHIP.ORG
UNIVERSITY AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST*	UACHURCH.ORG
UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH*	UBCAUSTIN.ORG
UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH*	UCC-AUSTIN.ORG
UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*	UPCAUSTIN.ORG
UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH*	UUMC.ORG

* Denotes Founding Congregations