



Food Bank, Junior League of The Woodlands partner for Aug. 27 Food Fair

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A Food Fair is planned for Aug. 27 at Woodforest Bank Stadium in Shenandoah. The event is hosted by the Montgomery County Food Bank and sponsored by Junior League of The Woodlands. It's anticipated 550 to 600 families will be served by the Food Fair.



The Montgomery County Food Bank and the Junior League of The Woodlands will partner at the end of the month for a community food fair.

The event is set for 9 to 11 a.m. on Aug. 27 at Woodforest Bank Stadium, 19115 David Memorial Drive in Shenandoah.

The food fair is open to any food-insecure member of the community who does not have regular access to nutritional assistance.

According to Ashleigh McHenry, marketing and communication coordinator for the Montgomery County Food Bank, the food fair is anticipated to serve 550 families.

No pre-registration or prerequisites are needed for those receiving food.

"There's a certain kind of registration that happens while people are waiting in line (that morning,)" she said. "People start showing up about 5:30 or 6 a.m. Volunteers get their demographics information while they're in line."

Like a market on wheels, MCFB's food fair program is a traveling pantry that delivers nutritious food, including fresh produce, meats and non-perishable items, which are provided by the food bank with the support of sponsors.

McHenry explained that each household gets 150 to 200 pounds of food at the event.

"They can come by and in one day get food to eat for three or four weeks," McHenry said. "That can really stack up someone's fridge or pantry for the long haul."

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McHenry also explained that's how the food fairs are beneficial to the MCFB staff because they are able to see the faces of those they are feeding and know exactly where the food is going.

The Junior League of The Woodlands partnered with the food bank in the spring and now the two groups are working together on this food fair.

"In May, Junior League of the Woodlands awarded The Montgomery County Food Bank a \$3,000 community assistance grant to help fund their Food Fair program. We pledged at that time to not only support the Food Bank with dollars, but with volunteers as well," said JLTW President Bobbie Jo Miller. "The Montgomery County Food Bank and Junior League of the Woodlands are both committed to assisting citizens who are food insecure, so this is an amazing partnership opportunity for us. Our members look forward to serving our community."

While many volunteer slots have been filled by Junior League members, approximately 50 people are still needed to volunteer.

Volunteers will be needed from 7 a.m. until approximately noon, rain or shine.

Volunteers must be at least seven or older and all minors must be accompanied by an adult.

Email volunteers@mcfoodbank.org to volunteer at this event.

MCFB is also in need of sponsors for future food fairs. If you or your organization are interested in a sponsorship, contact Billy Simpson at 936-539-6686 ext. 2031.

While the food fairs were on a break during the summer months, expect more food fairs throughout the fall.

According to McHenry, five to six more food fairs are scheduled throughout the fall.

Created by a group of volunteers in 1985 to serve disadvantaged families in Montgomery County, MCFB distributed nearly 8.1 million pounds of food which represents 6.75 million meals in 2015 to those in need.

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