

EAST FORT BEND HUMAN NEEDS MINISTRY TAKES THE FEINSTEIN CHALLENGE TO HELP END HUNGER!

According to the Center for Public Policy, more than 3.1 million Texans don't know where they will get their next meal! East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry, Inc. is committed to helping feed those in need within our community. Because of the food provided last year by the Ministry's Interfaith Food Pantry: 42,194 individuals were assisted through the Food Pantry; 16,419 children did not go hungry; 2,398 people were able to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas with a traditional turkey dinner; 9,723 people received fresh produce and food during Food Fairs; and 7,240 homebound senior citizens received food.

For the tenth straight year, philanthropist, Alan Shawn Feinstein will divide \$1 million among hunger fighting agencies nationwide using it to help them raise funds during March and April. East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry is stepping up to that challenge once again! During the months of March and April, all cash, checks, online donations and food items donated to the East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry will be counted as part of this great challenge. Food items will be valued at \$1.00 per item. Donations towards this challenge will make you, the donor, a partner in one of the most successful grassroots campaign to fight hunger of all times. Last year, the Feinstein Fight Hunger Campaign raised a record \$159 Million throughout the country. Please help rid our community of hunger by making a donation during the Feinstein Challenge.

Spread the word and challenge others. Organize a food or money drive at your office, school, church or business. Last year, four local Curves for Women locations in Fort Bend County took the challenge and collected 3,730 lbs. of food and \$3,895 in cash donations. Feinstein's past \$1 million challenges to fight hunger have raised a record \$480 million for agencies nationwide. The more donations that are made to East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry from March 1st to April 30th, the greater the proportion of the Feinstein money will be added to the donations.

For the past 16 years, East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry, Inc. has been helping those in need within Fort Bend County in a variety of ways. The Ministry's programs are staffed primarily by volunteers who, in 2006, contributed 16,185 volunteer hours to the Interfaith Food Pantry, Financial Assistance programs and Resale Shop, valued at \$275,145! Last year, the Ministry provided over \$124,000 of Financial Assistance to 451 families in short-term crisis. These crises often result from illness, temporary loss of employment, family breakdown, and lack of resources. For more information on East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry, Inc., or to make a donation, visit their website: www.humanneeds.org or stop by their offices at 425 Stafford Run in Stafford, Texas during business hours. The Interfaith Food Pantry is open Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Call 281-261-1006 or email ministry@humanneeds.org.