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SCOTT EVANS

IN SEARCH OF A NEW PANTRY DIRECTOR

Pantry Director **Scott Evans** and his family will be moving to Springfield (MO) soon, and he will be leaving the pantry in mid-September. We are so sorry to lose him at the pantry but wish him and his family well in this transition. A search committee for a new director has been formed. Our thanks to **Mary Bowles, Charles Locklin, Perry Nite** and **Lee Williams** for leading this search. They hope to have a decision made by the end of August.

DIRECTOR OF AUSTIN AREA FOOD PANTRY PART-TIME PERMANENT POSITION

- Work with volunteers and recipient volunteers at Micah 6 of Austin Food Pantry.
- Salaried position requires approximately 15 hours per week; some mileage provided.
- For more information contact Mary Bowles at maryfbowles@earthlink.net.

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5-7-5 HAIKU GRANT OPPORTUNITY

This fall Community TechKnowledge will award a \$5,000 grant to the nonprofit Health and Human services organization that submits the most creative haiku. Organizations submit one haiku that best conveys the heart of the nonprofit's service or mission in their community.

Micah 6 of Austin would like to enter a haiku for consideration. Please send as many haiku poems as you can generate to chlocklin5@austin.rr.com by September 1. The board will select one to enter. For the rules on what constitutes a haiku, go to communitytech.net and click the "Haiku Grant" tab. Austin Hospice won the award in 2006 for this entry:

*Deep water can drown
or support a calm voyage...
our small boat matters.*

PANTRY NUMBERS

	Dependents	Families
May	2,966	1,016
June	3,058	1,031
July	3,043	1,048

THE COST OF FOOD IS RISING... THANKS FOR YOUR RESPONSE!

The cost of food for the pantry has gone from about 11 cents/pound in August to about 20 cents/pound recently. \$100 used to purchase about 800 lbs. of food; now it only purchases 500 lbs. of food. While the cost of food from CAFB has almost doubled, the numbers of recipients shopping at the pantry has also doubled. Unfortunately, our weekly budget has increased by only one-third.

In response, the Board has approved a weekly budget of \$700 for food for the remainder of the year. That makes your monetary contributions – and encouraging others to contribute - more important than ever. So THANK YOU! THANK YOU! to the many individuals and congregations who have added to their contributions of late. Your extra donations are restoring the amount of food on our shelves and into the shopping baskets of recipients each week. Thank you for your continued generosity for the benefit of those most in need.

PAPER RECYCLING PROGRAM – BRING US YOUR OLD PAPERS!

A paper recycling bin is being placed in the UBC parking lot as a Board approved fund raising project for the Micah 6 Food Pantry. Please bring your newspapers, magazines, shopping catalogues, school & office papers, mail circulars, etc. to deposit in this bin (no cardboard please). Don't forget to ask your friends, family and university student members of your congregations to participate. The papers will be picked up regularly and the more pounds of paper means more dollars in payment to Micah 6 to support the acquisition of food for the Pantry. This paper is processed and back in circulation as the Daily Texan and American Statesman within two weeks. The bin is easily accessed by way of the alley running through the UBC parking lots between San Antonio and Neches Streets.

For I was hungry,



and you gave me something to eat.

UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH BEGINS MEMORIAL SERVICE MINISTRY FOR MICAH 6

On May 31st University Christian Church Senior Pastor, **Chuck Kutz-Marks** led a memorial service for Kenneth, a Micah 6 client and volunteer, in the sanctuary of University Baptist Church. Under a new plan developed by UCC's Outreach Council and encouraged by Micah 6 of Austin, UCC will host memorial services for future Micah 6 clients as UCC's particular new adjunct ministry within the overall scope of Micah 6 work. Up to this time homeless sisters and brothers who don't have a regular church home or don't have the finances to provide for such a service, have not been able to gather, to grieve, and to celebrate the life of a child of God.

Memorial services will be held in the Nordan Chapel at UCC, with Dr. Kutz-Marks presiding. Friends and family members will be invited to the service and then to a simple reception following. UCC's Outreach Council will host the gatherings, but anyone interested in helping is welcomed!

Services are likely to be scheduled Tuesday to Thursday mid-mornings or early afternoons. Support may include: food, hosts, security and parking. We anticipate less than six services per year at this time. If you are interested in helping, please let us know so that we can add you to our list of those who may be able to assist. Phone **Diana McDaniel**, UCC Outreach Council Chair at 257-7026 or email her at dianamc5203@sbcglobal.net. Thank you!



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BOARD NOTES/ SAVE THESE DATES!

- ✘ The board approved a three-year strategic plan at its July meeting. Sincere thanks go to **Craig Bell** and the strategic planning committee for all of their hard work on the plan, and thanks to all committee members for their input!
- ✘ Training for Safety Monitors (New and Current): Saturday, Sept 22, 1:00 - 4:30 pm at UBC. Contact **Charles Locklin** at chlocklin5@austin.rr.com.
- ✘ Farm Bill: Please be aware of this bill, approved by the House in July and which the Senate may vote on in October. The current bill provides \$4B over five years for food stamps and improves eligibility requirements and benefits (which had been reduced in past years). Over 68,000 Travis County residents rely on food stamps.
- ✘ Benefit Concerts: The Austin Singers will present two concert performances (beginning at 8:00 p.m.), with a portion of the proceeds going to Micah 6 of Austin. The first is on Friday, February 1, 2008 at University Baptist Church. The second is on Saturday, February 2, 2008 at Hope Presbyterian Church in Northwest Austin.



REMEMBERING ED GIFFORD

Micah 6 of Austin, St. Austin Catholic Parish and the larger faith community of the campus area lost a dear friend recently. **Edwin Allon Gifford** passed away on Father's Day, 2007, after a long and courageous struggle with leukemia. Ed grew up in Amarillo, served in the U.S. Navy, and earned degrees in Music at the University of Texas. He served as Director of Music at St. David's Episcopal Church and then St. Louis Catholic Church and was also a choral director and teacher in the Austin Independent School District. Ed is remembered for his quiet strength and his passion for peace and justice—especially for society's most vulnerable. He found great joy in helping others.

Survivors include his wife and soul-mate of 25 years, Mary Shmoldas Gifford, his sons, Jeff Gifford-Weaver and his wife, Charlotte, Jonathan Gifford and his wife Carolyn, step-daughters Sara Combs and Amanda Lively and her husband Brian. He is also survived by grandchildren, Matthew and Jeremy Gifford, Malcolm and Elise Gifford-Weaver, Shaylan Gifford and Cyan and Jett Lively. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the family.

Member Churches

All Saints' Episcopal Church
Central Christian Church
Congregational Church of Austin
First English Lutheran Church
Hyde Park Presbyterian Church
Saint Austin Catholic Parish
Southwest Family Fellowship
University Avenue Church of Christ
University Baptist Church
University Christian Church
University United Methodist Church
University Presbyterian Church

The mission of Micah 6 of Austin is to work together to identify and meet the needs of the homeless and the impoverished in the University of Texas campus area.

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The Micah 6 Food Pantry is at
University Baptist Church
2107 San Antonio St. (at 22nd street)
Thurs 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. &
Sat 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

What does the Lord require of you?