



****MEDIA ADVISORY****

***El Buen Samaritano's Annual Hands for Hope Meal Drive
Feeds 1,000 Hungry Families this Thanksgiving***

- WHAT:** *Austin, TX* – On November 23, El Buen Samaritano Episcopal Mission will distribute Thanksgiving meal packages to 1,000 low-income families in our community during its annual Hands for Hope event. A tradition for the past 29 years, over 4,000 people are expected to attend this event that celebrates the generosity of the faith community to immigrant, Latino and low-income families experiencing food insecurity.
- WHO:** Dr. Rosamaria Murillo, Chief Executive Officer (available for interview)
- WHEN:** Saturday, November 23, 2019
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** El Buen Samaritano Episcopal Mission
7000 Woodhue Drive, Austin, TX 78745
- WHY:** Nearly two out of ten Central Texans face food insecurity on a daily basis. As an extension of El Buen's on-site food pantry, the Hands for Hope event brings awareness about hunger in Austin/Travis County and surrounding areas and supports the distribution of Thanksgiving meal packages to low income families. Through Hands for Hope, 1,000 low-income families receive all the "fixings" of a Thanksgiving dinner to prepare at home (including a turkey, pies, and side items). During the meal distribution, recipients learn about other services at El Buen, such as family and health literacy programs.
- Funds raised through a fundraising campaign cover the cost of the meals and a matching grant from the Moody Foundation supports year-round operation of El Buen's food pantry. Donations can be made by visiting www.elbuen.org/h4h
- HOW:** For interviews or additional information please contact Sara DuPont at sdupont@elbuen.org or 239-293-9691

*Excellent visuals for photo/video in the church and courtyard (volunteers, family meal recipients and children playing)



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About El Buen Samaritano Episcopal Mission:

El Buen Samaritano is an outreach ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas committed to helping Latino and other families in Central Texas lead healthy, productive and secure lives through high-quality and affordable health and family literacy programs, food assistance and economic-stability services. For more information, please visit www.elbuen.org.