

# THE MICAH 6 AUSTIN MESSENGER

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## HAIKU CONTEST OFFERS OPPORTUNITY FOR MICAH 6 TO WIN \$10,000!

The Heart and Soul (H&S) Grant is a national grant competition that provides the opportunity for one selected, eligible nonprofit organization to win a \$10,000 cash award and a professionally written and produced song by the internationally acclaimed, Grammy Award-winning group, Los Lonely Boys – all through The CTK Foundation Philanthropic Fund. The intent is that both the song and the accompanying \$10,000 grant will help the selected nonprofit to better publicize their important mission in their community.

**SUBMIT YOUR HAIKU** (a 4-8 line poem) about Micah 6 to **Harriett Choffel** at [hchoffel@austin.rr.com](mailto:hchoffel@austin.rr.com).

**The deadline is June 20.**

The Board will vote on all entries and submit one on behalf of the organization. A description of our mission is provided on our website, [www.micah6austin.org](http://www.micah6austin.org).

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On April 23 and 25, the pantry reached an all-time high of 444 pantry shoppers!

### ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EFFORTS OFF TO A GOOD START

Our first quarter income brought us well over 25% of the way toward our 2009 goal of raising \$35,000 for purchasing of food for the pantry. In the first quarter, our income came from the following sources:

Meatfest	\$1,076.13
Recycle Bins	\$50.52
Individual Donations	\$6,571.42
Annual Joint Worship Service	\$2,153.73

See page 2 for more information on our fundraising efforts and how you can contribute through your regular, daily activities.

Thanks to everyone at the **Lambda Omega Alpha Catholic Fraternity** for their generosity of time to sponsor their Annual Meatfest, which raised over \$1,000 for Micah 6!

**Big Thank You!**

## MICAH 6 OF AUSTIN FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

**Help us reach our 2009 fundraising goal of \$35,000 for pantry operations**

### GoodSearch.com

Micah 6 of Austin has registered with [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) as a charity of choice. We can earn a penny for every search you do on the web if you use **GoodSearch** instead of Google or Yahoo. A penny doesn't seem like much but if all of us use this search engine consistently, we will raise lots of money effortlessly—all \$\$ is used to purchase food for the food pantry.

### GoodShop.com

More than 900 of the top Internet retailers and travel sites including Amazon, eBay, Target, Apple, Expedia and more have joined forces with **GoodShop.com** to donate part of every purchase to your favorite charity or school at no additional cost to you (more than 72,000 nonprofits are now on-board)! It takes just a few seconds to go to [www.goodshop.com](http://www.goodshop.com), select your charity, and then click through to your favorite store and shop as usual.

### Randall's Good Neighbor Program

Micah 6 of Austin is registered with Randall's Good Neighbor Program. Link your Remarkable Card to Micah 6 of Austin—#11964 as your charity of choice. You can have up to 3 charities per card.

### Recycle Bins

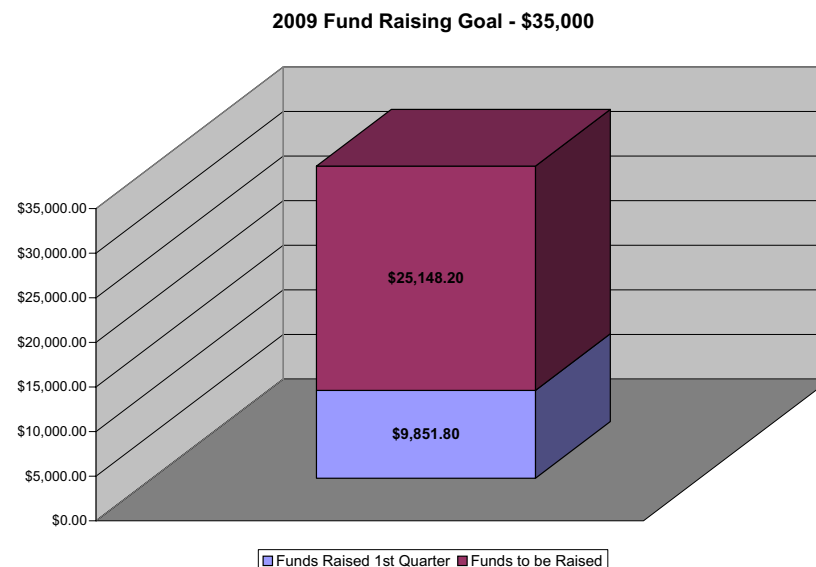
We now have two recycle bins for all paper products except corrugated cardboard and cereal boxes. The green/yellow bins are located at University Baptists Church, parking lot A, and All Saints' Episcopal Church parking lot. Help us raise money to buy food by bringing your paper products, including newspapers, magazines, shopping catalogues, school & office papers, and mail circulars.

### On-line Donations

Our website is set-up to take on-line donations through credit card or PayPal. Consider a regular giving program through [www.micah6austin.org](http://www.micah6austin.org). All donations go to purchase food for the pantry and are tax deductible. Acknowledgements for tax records will be mailed to you in a timely manner.

### Individual Donations

We are always pleased to accept monetary donations by check or cash mailed to: Micah 6 of Austin, 2203 San Antonio Street Austin, TX 78705.



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## THURSDAY VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are in urgent need of another volunteer to assist on the first and third Thursday early shift from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., supervising the unloading and separating of the food bank delivery at the pantry. If you can help, please contact **Mary Bowles** at [maryfbowles@austin.rr.com](mailto:maryfbowles@austin.rr.com).



## SPECIAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you have an interest in helping Micah 6 with one of the following three areas, please contact the person listed for each task force. These groups have specific, short-term goals to support the 2009 strategic plan and need your skills and experience.

**PUBLICITY:** Increase community awareness of the Micah 6 organization through newspaper, TV, website, brochures, and newsletter. Task force members will look at ways to expand exposure beyond the newsletter and website, and maximize the impact of those two media. Contact: **Harriett Choffel** at [hchoffel@austin.rr.com](mailto:hchoffel@austin.rr.com) or **David Wofford** at [wofforddavid@yahoo.com](mailto:wofforddavid@yahoo.com).

**FUNDRAISING:** Develop a fundraising plan to include among other things donor cultivation, fundraising events, and grant writing. Contact: **Mary Bowles** at [maryfbowles@austin.rr.com](mailto:maryfbowles@austin.rr.com).

**OUTREACH:** Contact: **Gretchen Olson** at [gretchenrolson@yahoo.com](mailto:gretchenrolson@yahoo.com).

## MICAH 6 OF AUSTIN PUBLIC OUTREACH

### Women's Resource Fair at First United Methodist Church

Thanks to Suzanne Vanderpoel for staffing the Micah 6 table at the 2nd Annual Women's Resource Fair held on March 28 at the Family Life Center of First United Methodist Church.

The event, sponsored by the Austin Young Lawyer's Association, provided medical, dental and confidential legal services to women coping with homelessness and/or abuse. The social services portion of the fair brought together organizations like Micah 6, the Fig Leaf (from UUMC) and over 50 other organizations. Suzanne provided attendees with the Micah 6 brochure that tells recipients about the array of social services provided by Micah 6 member congregations. Thanks, Suzanne, for giving up your Saturday to spread the word to those in need.

### Interfaith Dialogue at Texas Hillel

Thanks to Mary Bowles for attending the UIC program at Texas Hillel on April 15 and sharing information about Micah 6. The University Interfaith Council (UIC) sponsored an interfaith dialogue. The theme was "Buddy, can you spare a dime?" and included presentations by Christian, Jewish and Muslim comments on the current economic situation, along with table discussions among the students that attended. The UIC included area philanthropic organizations at the dinner/discussion so that the students can see what's being done to help and where they might plug in.

## NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Welcome to **Juan Zalles** from **Hyde Park Presbyterian Church**, replacing **Michelle Bourianoff**, **Elizabeth Nash** from the **Congregational Church**, replacing **George Hetrick**, and **Mac McKaskle** from **University Baptist Church**, replacing **Perry Nite**. The current Board would like to express our sincere gratitude to Michelle, George and Perry for their untiring service to Micah 6. We hope you will continue to stop in at the pantry or other events as your time permits.

## SPRING CLEAN FOR FIG LEAF

It's the perfect time to clean out your closet and donate used clothing to the Fig Leaf Store at **University United Methodist Church**. They particularly need men's jeans, shirts and casual shoes. Just leave your donations in the bin beside the elevator near the entrance to Heinsohn Hall. UUMC is located at 2409 Guadalupe St., and the church is open Mon-Fri 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (or later) and 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on Sat. & Sun. For more information, please contact **Emily Roe** at [emilyroe@earthlink.net](mailto:emilyroe@earthlink.net) / 799-8866.

## LET'S GET TO WORK FORUM AT FBC MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 7:30 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

Jesus realized the value of work, not just for the earnings, but also for the soul. Please join with First Baptist Church, ECHO, House the Homeless, and the Texas Homeless Network for a conference on creating jobs, education for jobs, living wage issues, and best practices. Attendees will include Mayor Winn, Judge Sam Biscoe, former Mayors Frank Cooksey and Bruce Todd, Alan Graham, Richard Troxell, and many others who toil in the fields of jobs and homelessness.

We hope to help create a pathway for homeless adults to leave their homeless state and join the ranks of the employed. Community and business leaders and citizens concerned about this issue and its effect on them are urged to attend this event at the First Baptist Church from 8:00 until 2:00 on May 21st. A light lunch will be served and registration begins at 7:30 A.M.

The featured guest will be from the Doe Foundation in New York and will discuss the origination of their Let's Get To Work Program which has had amazing success in New York and Philadelphia. Tom Spencer will be the morning moderator, and there will be a panel to ask questions and details of our guest.

Contact **Jennifer Paulson** 482-8270 ext. 5 for details and registration information.

## 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  
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.*

## Micah 6 Messenger

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The Micah 6 Food Pantry is at  
University Presbyterian Church  
2203 San Antonio St.  
Thurs 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. &  
Sat 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

*What does the Lord require of you?*