



It's getting harder to make ends meet in Austin. Rents have increased 43 percent since 2003. The new Farm Bill cut \$8 billion from the SNAP (food stamps) program. One in three Travis county residents are low income, and one in four children are food insecure.

The Micah 6 food pantry addresses some of the food insecurity that results from these economic changes. Last year, we gave away nearly 500,000 pounds of food to 3,521 households. That's 18,649 baskets of food!

We're ready to do the same this year, but we know that the need will be greater. That's why we're challenging churches, Sunday school classes, book clubs, student organizations and other groups to help us fill 4,000 more baskets in the **2014 Food Basket Challenge**.

Throughout the year, we'll track donations of food and money by organizations. Together, we can meet the anticipated increase in people shopping each week at the food pantry.

Here's how you can help:

- **Register** your group as part of the challenge.
(Micah 6 member congregations are already registered!)
Just email info@micah6austin.org and say you want to help.
- **Walk** in the Austin CROP Walk for Hunger March 23
A portion of all money raised benefits Micah 6.
Don't have a team to join? Join the Micah 6 team! Just go to hunger.cwsglobal.org/goto/micah6
and get friends and family to sponsor you
- **Donate** to Micah 6 at Amplify Austin March 20-21
OR
micah6austin.org/donate
Enter Food Basket Challenge in the Special Instructions box
or the memo line of your check.

Let's see how much food we can gather in the next four weeks. Join us for the

Micah 6 Community Celebration

March 22, 2014 at 1 p.m.
University Presbyterian Church
Great Hall
2203 San Antonio Street
Austin, TX 78705