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The 12<sup>th</sup> Can, Texas A&M's on-campus food pantry, was established to serve *all* students, staff, and faculty at Texas A&M University. Food insecurity is defined as the lack of reliable access to nutritious food, and it can impact anyone, of any background, at any point in their lives. It is The 12<sup>th</sup> Can's mission to aid anyone who might be struggling with food insecurity, and The 12<sup>th</sup> Can does so alongside all Aggies who are willing to selflessly serve their Aggie community.

As an organization aiming to serve the entire Texas A&M population, it is critical for The 12<sup>th</sup> Can to uphold the Aggie core values and the values of The 12<sup>th</sup> Can in pursuit of a welcoming and inclusive environment that is void of prejudice or racial discrimination. The 12<sup>th</sup> Can's volunteers undergo thorough civil rights training, bringing attention to any biases volunteers have, to enhance volunteers' abilities to treat all other members and clients fairly. The 12<sup>th</sup> Can holds its volunteers and clients accountable by encouraging clients and volunteers to file a formal complaint for any experience in which they might have felt unwelcome, for any reason.

The 12<sup>th</sup> Can was founded on the idea that Aggies help *all* Aggies and, seven years later, The 12<sup>th</sup> Can continues to live by this mantra to selflessly serve the community that has given each of The 12<sup>th</sup> Can's members so many meaningful experiences.

Thanks and Gig' Em,

The 12<sup>th</sup> Can

*Food pantry run by Aggies for Aggies*