



## Star of Hope Mission Provides Nutritional Meals to Children With the Help of the Child and Adult Care Food Program

Each day, Star of Hope Mission serves about 170 children healthy meals and snacks using Child and Adult Care Food Program funding.

The Child and Adult Care Food Program is a federal entitlement program which provides reimbursement for meals and snacks served to children under age 18 residing in shelters. The program is available to homeless, emergency, domestic violence and runaway shelters.

The Star of Hope Mission, located in Houston, Texas, runs a Women and Family Emergency Shelter with 72 rooms where clients can stay for up to 90 days as well as 66 apartments for families and 45 single-women rooms that serve as 18-month Transitional Living Centers.



### Food Program Offers Important Support

Every year, Star of Hope Mission receives \$160,000 in reimbursements from the Child and Adult Care Food Program. This funding provides an importance source of support for the Mission.

***“This assistance enables us to provide greater stability in our programs for these children who have great needs. We see a strong nutrition component as the cornerstone for healing.”***



Star of Hope Mission  
Executive Vice President  
John Mills

# Cooperative Recording System Keeps it Easy for Everyone

Food program records and paperwork are kept to a minimum by a simple cooperative system at Star of Hope Mission. No one person is responsible for all the recordkeeping and updates are easily made as necessary.

- ◆ Client Support staff update the roster at Star of Hope's emergency shelter and the Transitional Living center with the names and ages of children receiving meals.
- ◆ At the end of each month, Star of Hope's kitchen coordinator summarizes the meal counts and reports them to the Finance Department.
- ◆ The Finance Department then submits the paperwork to the State CACFP agency for



## Contact Information

For more information about Child and Adult Care Food Program at Star of Hope Mission please contact Fount Freeman, Vice President of Finance 713-748-0700 extension 238.

To apply to participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program, contact Gayle Butler, Program Manager, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission-Special Nutrition Programs at (713) 696-3635.

For general information contact Geri Henchy at the Food Research and Action Center at (202) 986-2200 extension 3025.



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