

# don't miss a weekend of awareness & hope

thursday, October 16

fast of caring

• The McLennan County Hunger Coalition (MCHC) says, "On World Food Day, let's NOT do lunch!" The MCHC is sponsoring the Fast of Caring on Thursday, October 16, at noon at Caritas of Waco (300 S. 15th.) There will be a brief program with information about efforts to end hunger around the world. For more information about the MCHC, contact Esther Morales at [foodoutreach@grandecom.net](mailto:foodoutreach@grandecom.net).

friday & saturday, October 17-18

walking alongside poverty workshop

• This workshop is offered by the Center for Family and Community Ministries, Baylor School of Social Work. It is designed for congregations who want to effectively address poverty in their community ministries. A new curriculum series for Understanding Poverty will be presented. Cost is \$100 per church, which covers up to 5 individuals from the same congregation. The conference will be held at Seventh and James Baptist Church. Call Kimberly Schlesinger at 254-710-3854 to register or register online at [www.baylor.edu/cfcm](http://www.baylor.edu/cfcm).

saturday, October 18

fall farm day

• From 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, World Hunger Relief, Inc. (WHRI) will offer live music, farm-fresh food, plants, seeds and grass-fed meat sales. There will also be demonstrations by local artisans and activities for children: pony rides, hayrides, and an animal petting area. John Garland, WHRI alum, will speak at 12:30 on "Connecting a School District with Real Food & the Soil: Applying WHRI's Training in the Rio Grande Valley." For more information, go to [www.worldhungerrelief.org](http://www.worldhungerrelief.org) or call 254-799-5611.

On stage, playin' it live

• On Saturday from 2:00 to 11:00, you can come to the Lion's Den at 1716 N. 42nd for On Stage, Playin' It Live, spon-

sored by the Music Association of Central Texas. The event, a benefit for Caritas of Waco, will include an afternoon festival on the Lion's Den grounds, with a long list of groups from half a dozen musical genres, food vendors, and children's activities. In the evening, the concert will move inside, where more bands will play and participants can dance or just enjoy the music. Admission at the door is \$5 plus two cans of food for Caritas. Call 254-717-1346.

sunday, October 19

heart of texas crop walk  
for hunger

• Join the HOT CROP WALK for Hunger on October 19. Registration begins at 2:00. Step-off is at 3:00. Starting at Bledsoe Miller Park, the 5K walk will take place along the scenic Brazos River. There will be live karaoke entertainment for folks as they register. Three-fourths of the proceeds from the walk will go to Church World Service (CWS) an interfaith, world-wide relief, development, and refugee assistance ministry. One-fourth of the proceeds will go to Caritas of Waco. For more information call Charley Garrison at 254-752-5331. To visit the Heart of Texas CROP WALK website, go to [www.cropwalkwaco.org](http://www.cropwalkwaco.org).

*For more information about local hunger activities in the area, go to [www.seedspublishers.org](http://www.seedspublishers.org) and click on "Act Locally Waco." While you're on the site, check out the resources for hunger emphases in congregations.*

## about world food day

• World Food Day has been celebrated every year on October 16 since the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in 1945. The aim is to heighten public awareness of the plight of the world's hungry people, and to encourage folks worldwide to take action against hunger. More than 150 countries around the world observe this event. Each year, the US Committee for World Food Day highlights a theme on which to focus activities. For more information, go to [www.worldfoodday.org](http://www.worldfoodday.org).