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### **Grant Written by Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Student Provides Funds for Two New ‘Kids Café’ Sites**

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Becky Villarreal, a graduate student at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, has written a successful \$10,000 grant application to the Ed Rachal Foundation to expand the Corpus Christi Food Banks’ Kids Café program.

The request written as part of Dr. Charles Etheridge’s grant writing class will allow the Food Bank to open two more sites for its after-school eating program that provides, tutoring, hot meals and snacks for students during the school year. Currently, the Food Bank has six Kids Cafes at various locations throughout Corpus Christi. According to Associate Director Silvia De La Cerda, the two new sites have yet to be determined.

“We are extremely appreciative of the support that Texas A&M-Corpus Christi students have given us through their grant-writing over the years,” said De La Cerda.

“When we take an interest in our children, they respond and their grades in school improve. We look forward to more help from Dr. Etheridge’s students in the future.”

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