



# THE HELPING CENTER

CLIENT NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2024

## OUR MISSION:

The Helping Center of Marble Falls provides nourishment and limited financial support to our neighbors in need in a dignified and hope-filled setting. As a unified community of Christians, we also offer opportunities for education, fellowship, and referrals providing a path to self-sufficiency.

## NEED HELP? WANT TO HELP?

### Hours of Operation

M-F 9:30 am - 1:30 pm (food/assistance)  
Tues 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm (food)  
Thurs 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm (food)

### Physical Address

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Website | [helpingcenter.org](http://helpingcenter.org)

Facebook | [Marble Falls Helping Center](https://www.facebook.com/MarbleFallsHelpingCenter)

Instagram | [thehelpingcenter](https://www.instagram.com/thehelpingcenter)

## MARCH HOURS

We will be closed on Friday, March 29th in observance of Good Friday.

Wishing you a  
blessed Easter

from the Staff & Volunteers  
of The Helping Center



## NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

**CLASS: "MONEY MATTERS" | Thursday, March 14 | 10:00-11:00 am**  
The Helping Center partners with Cadence Bank to offer you this popular series about managing your money. Topics will include budgeting, making spending count, savings, loans, credit, fraud protection, and more. Join us on Thursdays: March 14, April 11, and May 9 from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the CRC Meeting Room. Attend any or all classes and bring a friend! \$10 H-E-B gift card at each class for participants. Ask for a flyer at the front desk.

**CLASS CONTINUES: "WELLNESS ON A BUDGET" | March 21, April 18 |**  
The Helping Center partners with Texas A&M AgriLife to continue this popular series! The topic for our March class is "dining at the Dollar Store". Thursdays from 10:00-10:30 a.m. in the CRC Meeting Room. Attend any or all classes and bring a friend! \$10 H-E-B gift card at each class for participants. Ask for a flyer at the front desk.

**BLESSINGS OF EASTER EVENT | March 18-22 | 9:30 am – 1:30 pm & 5:00 – 7:00 pm on Tuesday evening |** Local pastors and church leaders will be on hand in the client shopping area to welcome shoppers. Smiles, blessings, and small gifts will be offered to clients, along with confidential prayer intention cards. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet a pastor in our community.

**TAX PREPARATION HELP |** AARP Tax Aide volunteers are offering FREE help to file your taxes. An intake form must be completed prior to your appointment. Assistance locations are: Kingsland Senior Center, 9 am – 2 pm every Wednesday thru April 10. Mondays in Burnet at the Reed Building, 402 E. Jackson. Thursdays in Marble Falls at Trinity Episcopal Church, 909 Avenue D. For information, call AARP at 888.687.2277. To make an appointment, visit [www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp\\_taxaide/locations](http://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/locations)

## ARE YOU READY FOR ECLIPSE DAY?

On Monday, April 8, the Moon will pass directly between the Sun and Earth creating a total solar eclipse. In Marble Falls, the event will last from 12:17 to 2:57 pm, with "totality" (complete darkness) starting at 1:36 pm and lasting for 4 minutes, 14 seconds.

We are in a prime location for viewing, and an influx of tens of thousands of visitors is expected. Make sure to plan ahead for this rare event by following these tips:

- ✓ Expect heavy traffic from April 4<sup>th</sup> through April 9<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Burnet, Llano, and Marble Falls schools will be closed on April 8<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Fill your gas tank the weekend prior to the eclipse.
- ✓ Buy needed supplies ahead of time (medications, groceries, water, eclipse viewing glasses, etc.)
- ✓ Do not schedule appointments or errands on April 8<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Coordinate with your employer if working from home is an option on April 8<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Cell and internet service may be overwhelmed with additional crowds. Make a back-up communication plan.
- ✓ Remember that local aid and first responders will be in extreme demand during the event.