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## Organization collects funds for food bank

By Lauren Giudice, Daily Texan Staff  
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A group of UT students collected more than \$100 and 50 cans of food in honor of World Food Day on Friday.

The Central Texas Model United Nations, a forum where students simulate different U.N. committees, joined with 450 volunteer service organizations nationwide to raise awareness about world hunger.

Plan II junior and secretary general Courtney Lee led the drive at UT. The donations will provide more than 350 meals, and the group will donate the canned goods and money to the Capital Area Food Bank of Texas, which will distribute it to Austinites. The group fell short of their 100-can goal.



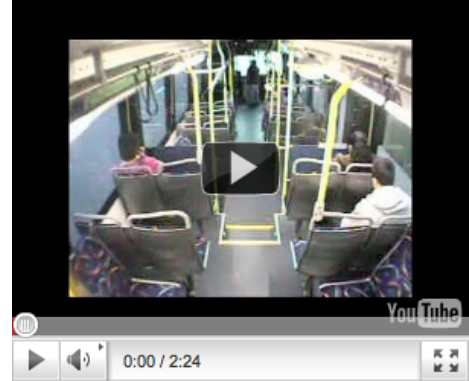
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 Plan II junior Courtney Lee, secretary general for the Central Texas Model U.N., encourages her peers to donate food and money in honor of National Food Day, Friday on the West Mall. The chapter donated 350 meals worth of food.

“Our main goals were to spread awareness about U.N. World Food Day and to collaborate in our efforts to wipe out hunger on a more local level,” said Lee, the sec. “Can by can, we are helping to wipe out hunger and to support the Capital Area Food Bank.”

Volunteer organizations across the world have celebrated World Food Day since 1981, but Friday’s event marks the first time the group has participated, said Shelby Wilson, the undersecretary-general for technology of the Central Texas Model U.N.

In 2009, the number of people without access to food broke the 1 billion mark for the first time, according to the World Food Day website. Tara Boggaram, anthropology freshman and Central Texas Model U.N. member, said it is easier to ignore hunger in America than in other countries.

Later this year, the Central Texas Model U.N. will host a high school conference, and a group of members will travel to Singapore for a collegiate conference.



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