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## **NORTH TEXAS FOOD BANK RECEIVES \$35,000 DONATION FROM THE DARDEN FOUNDATION TO HELP END HUNGER**

**DALLAS, AUGUST 5, 2019** — The North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) announced today a \$35,000 grant from The Darden Foundation to help provide hunger-relief to North Texas families. The funds will be used to help provide nutritious meals for hungry children, seniors and families in North Texas.

“The funds from this grant will go a long way in helping us provide nutritious meals to the more than 800,000 North Texans living with food insecurity,” said Erica Yaeger, Chief External Affairs Officer of the North Texas Food Bank. “One in every four kids in North Texas don’t know where their next meal will come from, and it is the same for one in every six seniors. We are grateful for The Darden Foundation for helping us work to feed our hungry neighbors who need it most.”

NTFB, a member of the Feeding America® network, is one of 200 food banks to receive this funding from The Darden Foundation. This grant will enable NTFB to fund several initiatives, including their Child and Senior Programs. Funds from this grant will help provide access to 105,000 meals to hungry North Texans.

The Darden Foundation is committed to supporting families facing food insecurity in communities across the United States, including NTFB’s 13-county service area . Their commitment to help is demonstrated through the partnership with Feeding America and a network of 200 food banks across the nation. Local Darden restaurants, including Eddie V’s and Season 52, have also participated in local hunger-fighting campaigns such as DFW Restaurant Week which benefit NTFB as well.

Feeding America has worked alongside The Darden Foundation for seven years in the fight to end hunger. Thanks to their ongoing support, the Feeding America network has been able to help provide even more meals to families in need.

To learn more about the North Texas Food Bank, visit [ntfb.org](http://ntfb.org).

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### **About the North Texas Food Bank:**

The North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) is a top-ranked nonprofit hunger-relief organization operating a state-of-the-art volunteer and distribution center in Plano— the Perot Family Campus. Last year, the Food Bank worked hard in partnership with member agencies from our Feeding Network to provide access to almost 77 million nutritious meals across a diverse 13-county service area – this means more

than 200,000 meals per day for hungry children, seniors and families. But the need for hunger relief in North Texas is complex and in order to meet the need the NTFB is working to increase our food distribution efforts. Our goal is to provide access to 92 million nutritious meals annually by 2025.

NTFB is a member of Feeding America, a national hunger relief organization.

### **About Darden Restaurants and The Darden Foundation**

Darden is a restaurant company featuring a portfolio of differentiated brands that include Olive Garden, LongHorn Steakhouse, Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen, Yard House, The Capital Grille, Seasons 52, Bahama Breeze and Eddie V's. Our people equal our success, and we are proud to employ 185,000 team members in more than 1,700 restaurants. Together, we create memorable experiences for nearly 400 million guests each year in communities across North America. The Darden Foundation works to bring to life our spirit of service through its philanthropic support of charitable organizations across the country. Since 1995, The Darden Foundation has awarded more than \$90 million in grants to non-profit organizations such as Feeding America, National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF) and American Red Cross. For more information, please visit [www.darden.com](http://www.darden.com).