



## News Release

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### **NORTH TEXAS FOOD BANK RECEIVES \$33,000 DONATION FROM THE DARDEN FOUNDATION**

**DALLAS, SEPTEMBER 19, 2018** — North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) announced today a \$33,000 grant from The Darden Foundation to assist in their efforts of providing help to people facing hunger. The generous unrestricted grant will allow North Texas Food Bank to allocate funds in areas the community needs the most within the organization's 13-county service area.

"One in six people struggle with hunger in North Texas – of that includes one in four children," said Trisha Cunningham, President and CEO of the North Texas Food Bank. "Hunger does not discriminate and there are many children, seniors and families who turn to our food bank for help. The Darden Foundation's donation will go a long way for the people in our community."

North Texas Food Bank works every day to provide healthy food for the people of North Texas. The Food Bank provides access to more than 190,000 meals each day for hungry children, seniors, and families through a network of more than 1,000 programs and more than 200 Partner Agencies. In fiscal year 2018, NTFB provided access to 72 million nutritious meals.

The Darden Foundation is committed to supporting families facing food insecurity in communities across the United States. Their commitment to help is demonstrated through their partnership with Feeding America and their network of 200 food banks across the nation. Over the past five years, The Darden Foundation has provided access to more than 200,000 meals.

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

To learn more about Feeding America or to find your local food bank, visit [www.feedingamerica.org](http://www.feedingamerica.org).

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

The North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) is a top-ranked nonprofit hunger-relief organization, serving 13 counties. The Food Bank's administrative headquarters is located in the Dallas Farmers Market, and its new distribution and volunteer center – the Perot Family Campus – opened in Collin County in September 2018. Each day, NTFB provides access to more than 190,000 meals for hungry children, seniors, and families through a network of more than 1,000 programs and more than 200 Partner Agencies. In fiscal year 2018, NTFB provided access to 72 million nutritious meals. While the NTFB is making steady progress toward closing the hunger gap, much work remains to be done to reach the organization's 10-year goal of providing 92 million nutritious meals annually by 2025. To donate, volunteer or advocate, visit [www.ntfb.org](http://www.ntfb.org)

#### **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 180,000 team

members in more than 1,700 restaurants. Together, we create memorable experiences for 380 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).