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### THE NORTH TEXAS FOOD BANK ANNOUNCES RELOCATION OF ITS HEADQUARTERS TO THE DALLAS FARMERS MARKET

*Ceremony concluded with a blessing of the new building*

DALLAS, June 28, 2014 – The [North Texas Food Bank \(NTFB\)](#) announced plans today to relocate the organization's administrative headquarters to its newly acquired building in the heart of the Dallas Farmers Market (DFM). Renovations to the new headquarters site, which was formerly the DFM administration building, will begin immediately with a March 2015 target move-in date.

The announcement was made at a morning ceremony held in front of the Food Bank's new headquarters building at Farmers Way and South Pearl Expressway. The program featured: a welcome by Tom Black, NTFB board chairman; a welcome to the Farmers Market by members of the DFM ownership group; an overview of the Food Bank's present and future plans by President and CEO Jan Pruitt; exemplary stories of clients served by two of the 262 Food Bank's distribution partners -- Peabody DISD and Promise House; and a blessing of the building by NTFB board member Rev. Andy Stoker of First United Methodist Church-Dallas.

Each day the NTFB provides access to 175,000 meals through partnerships with the 262 Partner Agencies across North Texas. The Food Bank will continue regular operations, as well as its volunteer program, at its Cockrell Hill location in South Dallas.

Jan Pruitt said, "Having our offices near Downtown Dallas will connect NTFB to Dallas' thriving business district and has the potential to broaden our donor and volunteer base. Moving our administrative headquarters to the Dallas Farmers Market is an exciting part of our strategic vision to close the hunger gap in North Texas and increase the amount of food we distribute to hungry children, seniors and families."

"We are delighted that the NTFB is making the Dallas Farmers Market the home of their new headquarters," said Brian Bergersen, managing partner of the Dallas Farmers Market ownership group. "This tremendous organization is a most welcome and meaningful addition to the Dallas Farmers Market community, and we look forward to exploring ways that we can support their mission of closing the gap of hunger for everyone from kids to our seniors."

The NTFB's move to the Dallas Farmers Market is an important complement to the overall rejuvenation of the market to include renovations to Shed 1 for farmers, produce and other local products; and to Shed 2, which will include new and existing restaurants, artisanal and other vendors, and the addition of adjacent residential development with retail and free, centrally located public parking.

"I am so thrilled that the North Texas Food Bank is a part of the a dramatic transformation that is taking place in the Dallas Farmers Market," said Janet Cobb, a member of market's ownership group and a member of the North Texas Food Bank LIFE Council. "This organization does so much good for our community. They provide meals for thousands of North Texans each day, and their new home in the Dallas Farmers Market will increase the visibility of this organization and shine a brighter light on their important mission."

For additional information about NTFB please visit [www.ntfb.org](http://www.ntfb.org)

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#### **ABOUT THE NORTH TEXAS FOOD BANK:**

The North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) is a top-ranked nonprofit relief organization, and the largest non-profit organization in North Texas. The NTFB works to improve the quality of life in North Texas by eliminating the hunger gap. Today the Food Bank provides access to more than 175,000 meals per day to hungry children, seniors and families through a network of more than 1,000 feeding programs and 262 Partner Agencies in 13 counties. In fiscal year 2013, NTFB provided access to 62 million nutritious meals. NTFB is a member of Feeding America, a national hunger relief organization chaired by NTFB CEO Jan Pruitt ([feedingamerica.org](http://feedingamerica.org)).