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## **NORTH TEXAS FOOD BANK APPOINTS TRISHA CUNNINGHAM AS NEW PRESIDENT AND CEO**

### ***Cunningham will oversee Food Bank's efforts to increase meal distribution to 92 million meals by 2025***

DALLAS - June 28, 2017 — The North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) Board of Directors announced today that Trisha Cunningham will serve as the President and Chief Executive Officer for the organization, effective July 17, 2017.

“We are confident that Trisha is the ideal leader to move the North Texas Food Bank forward,” said Anurag Jain, incoming NTFB Board Chair. “She comes to us with a tremendous amount of experience, bringing a unique skillset to this role; demonstrating knowledge of both executive-level strategy as well as corporate social responsibility. Trisha has also shown incredible passion for the work of local nonprofits, having served on numerous boards including Volunteer Now, Girls Inc. and the Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas.”

Trisha comes to the position with more than 30 years of experience from her previous career at Texas Instruments, having most recently served as Chief Citizenship Officer, overseeing the company's philanthropic efforts. In 2012, she was awarded the Corporate Social Responsibility Executive of the Year by the Center for Nonprofit Management.

In her role as President and CEO of NTFB, Trisha will lead a group of nearly 200 employees in their work to provide access to nutritious food for individuals struggling with hunger across NTFB's 13-county service area.

Trisha fills this position after long-time CEO Jan Pruitt passed away in January of this year. The Food Bank made significant strides during Jan's two decades of leadership at NTFB, exponentially increasing the amount of healthy food distributed to clients in need. The organization is currently focused on revitalizing their feeding network via a 10-year plan to provide access to 92 million meals annually by 2025, which includes a \$55 million ongoing capital campaign and the construction of a new facility in Collin County, planned for 2018.

“I believe wholeheartedly in the mission and work of the North Texas Food Bank,” said Trisha Cunningham. “This is an organization that has proven results, working tirelessly to enrich the lives of the clients served. The work of NTFB and its many community partners to end hunger is foundational in transforming North Texas for the better. I am honored to accept this leadership position and will humbly carry the torch passed on to me by the late, great Jan Pruitt. I know that with the help of the dedicated staff at NTFB, our board, our partners and the North Texas community, we will reach our goal of closing the hunger gap and providing access to 92 million meals by 2025.”

Additional updates will be made available at [ntfb.org/CEO](http://ntfb.org/CEO)

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

The North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) is a top-ranked nonprofit hunger-relief organization with its primary distribution center in Southwest Dallas, and administrative headquarters located in the Dallas Farmers Market. 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 2016, NTFB provided access to some 70 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.

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