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NORTH TEXAS FOOD BANK UPDATE:

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The North Texas Food Bank announced today that effective immediately President and CEO Jan Pruitt will take a temporary leave of absence to focus fully on her health. The Food Bank announced in September that Pruitt was undergoing cancer treatment at MD Anderson. The Food Bank's Board of Directors has named Simon Powell, Chief Operating Officer, Interim President and CEO.

"I have full confidence that Simon will lead the North Texas Food Bank very capably until I am able to return," said Pruitt. "Simon is backed by the best executive team and Board of Directors in my tenure with the Food Bank. Until I return, the operation is business as usual, with a focus on closing the hunger gap in North Texas and achieving our goal of providing 92 million nutritious meals a year by 2025."

"The Board of Directors fully supports Jan's decision, and we wish her well in her complete recovery," said NTFB Board Chairman Tom Black. "We have full confidence in Simon's ability to lead the Food Bank. He's backed by a superb executive team, who'll ensure the mission to feed our hungry neighbors moves forward in the interim."

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About North Texas Food Bank

The North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) is a top-ranked nonprofit relief organization. Each day, NTFB provides access to 170,000 meals for hungry children, seniors and families through a network of more than 1,000 programs and more than 200 Partner Agencies across 13-counties. Recently, the NTFB launched a 10 year plan to provide 92 million meals by 2025, a near 50 percent increase from their current output of 63 million meals annually.

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