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## **NORTH TEXAS FOOD BANK RECEIVES ADDITIONAL MORGAN STANLEY AWARD TO EXPAND FOOD 4 KIDS, A WEEKEND BACKPACK PROGRAM DELIVERING NUTRITIOUS FOOD TO CHILDREN**

### ***\$25,000 Grant for "BackPack Program" Brings Total Amount to \$32,500***

DALLAS —June 10, 2015—The North Texas Food Bank today announced a \$25,000 grant from Morgan Stanley to fund Food 4 Kids, a child hunger initiative that helps to ensure students continue to receive nutritious food over the weekend. This is the second gift North Texas Food Bank has received from Morgan Stanley this year for a total of \$32,500 given to fund the backpack program.

The grant is part of the latest phase in Morgan Stanley's more than \$14 million commitment to Feeding America and its network of 200 local food banks that distribute millions of meals every year to children and families across the United States. In the past three years, food banks like the North Texas Food Bank have collectively received more than \$4 million from the firm to help launch, expand and sustain critical childhood feeding programs.

"We are thrilled to receive this important grant from Morgan Stanley in support of our efforts to deliver nutritious meals to children across North Texas" said Jan Pruitt, President and CEO of the North Texas Food Bank. "Morgan Stanley and its employees provide vital support for the North Texas Food Bank through generous contributions such as this grant, as well as logging volunteer hours in our warehouse."

The North Texas Food Bank's Food 4 Kids program puts nutritious food directly into the hands of children at risk of hunger by filling backpacks with kid-friendly, shelf-stable foods which meet at least 60 percent of their nutritional needs over the weekend. With this program, children who are eligible to receive reduced-price or free lunch at school can get the nutrition they need, even when they are not in school over weekend.

"We are honored to be able to help The North Texas Food Bank in its important fight against child hunger," said Morgan Stanley Complex Managers Ben Fujihara and Chris Barton. "Giving back to the communities where we live and work is one of Morgan Stanley's core values."

According to Feeding America's *Hunger in America 2014 study*, 89 percent of Feeding America's client households with at least one child lack reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food.

"Grants like this from Morgan Stanley make a vital difference in our efforts to provide these children with the nutritious meals they need every day," said Nancy Curby, Vice President of Corporate Partnerships for Feeding America.

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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 North Texas charity. Each day, the North Texas Food Bank 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. In fiscal year 2014, NTFB provided access to some 62 million meals. NTFB recently has announced a 10-year vision to eliminate the hunger gap in its 13-county service area. NTFB is a member of Feeding America, a national hunger relief organization.