…the concept of a food bank was still relatively unheard of in the state of Texas. Despite a growing food banking movement that had started in Phoenix, Arizona 15 years prior, not even those in the grocery business or food industry had truly caught wind of what was developing.

But that would change once visionaries and eventual North Texas Food Bank founders Jo Curtis, Kathryn Hall, Lorraine Griffin Kircher and Liz Minyard decided to address the very real issue of hunger in North Texas.

Through volunteer efforts and generous donations from the community, the North Texas Food Bank opened for operation in September of 1982. Within four months, nearly 400,000 pounds of food had been distributed to hungry men, women, children and seniors.

What had begun with a volunteer staff of ten people and a collection of donated equipment eventually grew into a well-oiled machine, distributing record amounts of food to those in need through unprecedented programs and events. The first Kids Cafe opened in 1998 to serve healthy after-school meals to hungry children, and in 2002, the Community Kitchen program was established to teach disadvantaged individuals culinary job skills while preparing meals for Food Bank Member Agencies. Special events like Empty Bowls and KRLD Restaurant Week grew to become annual outlets for hunger awareness and fundraising in North Texas.

Despite many challenges and changes, including an economic downturn in the early 1990s and two hurricanes that destroyed millions of homes in the Gulf Coast in 2005, the North Texas Food Bank has never lost sight of its vision for a hunger-free community. Through the support of individuals, foundations and corporations, the Food Bank has distributed more than 360 million pounds of food to hungry North Texans since its inception.

We’ve celebrated many milestones in 25 years, and we look forward to many more in the years to come. Your support is invaluable as we continue feeding those in need and providing hope.
Dear North Texas Food Bank Friends and Supporters:

Over the span of 25 years, it’s inevitable that things will change. Fashion trends, music, and even the economy constantly shift with the times.

Much has changed in the last quarter century at the North Texas Food Bank, too. With an ever-growing community like ours, the Food Bank has adapted over the years to continue meeting the needs of hungry men, women, children and seniors in 13 North Texas counties.

This year marks the Food Bank’s 25th year of service to this community. When I think about the hundreds of thousands of people who have been impacted by the food they’ve received from one of the Food Bank’s feeding and education programs, I am truly overwhelmed. To know that seniors are living longer, healthier lives because of regular hot meals or that children are concentrating better in class because of the backpacks of food they receive through Food 4 Kids is a powerful illustration of the Food Bank’s mission. And while the words of our mission statement have changed, the heart of our mission has not.

The past 25 years have been years of remarkable growth, and we look forward to many more years of serving those in need with your help. The generosity of individuals, foundations and corporations like you make it possible for the Food Bank to provide food to those who need it – and your support doesn’t go unnoticed.

Thank you for sharing in our passionate pursuit of a hunger-free community.

Sincerely,

G. Scott Williford
President

The North Texas Food Bank passionately pursues a hunger-free community.
Dear Friends,

It’s hard to find the words to describe just how humbled we feel to have had the privilege of being involved in the inception of North Texas Food Bank. We had no idea back in 1982 that one day the organization we were creating would grow into what it is today: a 72,000 square-foot facility distributing more than 30 million pounds of food per year to hundreds of thousands of hungry North Texans.

But the Food Bank is so much more than just pounds of food and square footage. As you’ll see in the pages that follow, a vast array of programs exist to serve the unique needs of this community. From Community Kitchen, helping disadvantaged individuals find their place in the world through culinary job skills training, to Food 4 Kids, keeping hungry children nourished with backpacks of healthy weekend food, the North Texas Food Bank is committed to feeding those in need through innovative and effective outlets.

We never could have envisioned the immense impact the Food Bank would grow to have in this community after 25 years. But somehow we always knew that one thing would stay the same – the unwavering mission to see every hungry North Texan fed.

Because so many of you have adopted this same vision, the Food Bank continues to serve those in need, now and for years to come. Your support plays an invaluable role in the effort to end hunger in our community.

As we look back on 25 years of service, we also look forward with anticipation to the years that lie ahead. Thank you for being a part of this journey.

Sincerely,

Liz Minyard
Kathryn Hall
Founders

The North Texas Food Bank: Then and Now

Our Member Agencies are an integral part of our work to feed the hungry in North Texas. Thanks to the support of this community, we are able to distribute food to pantries, senior centers, soup kitchens, shelters, after school programs and other social service centers in our 13-county service area.

In our 25 years of service, the number of Member Agencies has grown. During this fiscal year we have been honored to serve 252 Member Agencies who work diligently at the frontlines of hunger.
**FOOD FACTS**

Because of the loyal support from individuals, corporations, foundations and organizations, the North Texas Food Bank achieved landmark milestones in the fight to end hunger in North Texas during its 25th year:

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<td>36,378,896</td>
<td>32,150,370</td>
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<td>Number of Member Agencies:</td>
<td>246</td>
<td>252</td>
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<td><strong>Number of Families Served Through Food Pantry System</strong></td>
<td>675,518</td>
<td>633,912</td>
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<td><strong>Number of Meals/Snacks Served Through Soup Kitchen and Shelter System</strong></td>
<td>5,968,325</td>
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<td>Volunteer Hours</td>
<td>59,013</td>
<td>50,440</td>
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*These figures include product distribution to other America’s Second Harvest food banks.
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**HOW IT WORKS**

800+ Food Sources

- Retailers and Wholesale
- Manufacturers and Grocers
- Federal and State Food Commodities
- Prepared Foods from Restaurants, Corporate Cafeterias and Food Service
- Individual and Corporate Canned Food Drives

In Our 72,000 Square-Foot Facility We:

- Receive, store and distribute excess food inventories and government commodities
- Receive, inspect, sort and distribute reclamation food/products
- Supply food to hundreds of hunger-relief Agencies in North Texas
- Focus on food quality and nutrition
- Operate above health inspection and compliance standards

What's Needed:
- Money
- Food
- Volunteers

32+ Million Pounds of Food Distributed Annually (25 million meals)

Direct Services (Food 4 Kids)

Kids Cafes

Shelters and Soup Kitchens

Food Pantries

Long-term Care, Adult and Child Day Care

DALLAS
KRLD RESTAURANT WEEK, presented by Central Market, in its ninth year, was the most successful year to date! Running August 14 – 20, with 80 participating restaurants extending the event an extra week or two, Restaurant Week proved yet again to be a great way to raise awareness about the issue of hunger in North Texas. Restaurants generously donated $7 from each $35 fixed-price meal to the Food Bank, helping to raise $343,056 for those in need.

CANSTRUCTION was a feast for the eyes for the 11th year in a row. Sixteen design and architecture firms constructed larger-than-life creations from nonperishable food items, which were on display at NorthPark Center from August 26 through September 10. All food items were donated to the Food Bank at the event’s conclusion, and this year’s canstruction brought in 51,820 pounds. Our sincerest thanks to this year’s sponsors, City Sprint 1.800.Deliver; Centex Construction, Web Dex, Colonial Bank, North Park Center, Wendy Barber Productions, Spencer Hill Photography, Thomas Reprographics and Maggiano’s Little Italy, as well as our talented participants: BOKA Powell; BRW Architects, Inc.; ccrd Partners; Corgan Associates, Inc.; Gensler; Gresham Smith & Partners; HDR Architecture, Inc.; HKS, Inc.; Heights Venture Architects, LLP; James Harwick + Partners, Inc.; Jaster-Quintanilla Dallas, LLP; Jonathan Bailey Associates; L.A. Fuess Partners Engineers; Merriman Associates Architects; Omniplan and Tarrant County College’s Southeast Campus Student Chapter.

IT’S A FAIR DEAL AT THE STATE FAIR OF TEXAS SPONSORED BY KROGER proved to be more than just a fair deal for North Texans – it was a hunger relief effort and a great volunteer opportunity. From September 29 through October 18, fairgoers received discounted admission prices for bringing three canned food items for the Food Bank on Wednesdays through Kroger’s It’s a Fair Deal Wednesdays. Fairgoers also received discounted admission prices on opening day for bringing a 20 ounce Coca-Cola product to donate to the Food Bank. The Food Bank received more than 130,000 pounds of non perishable items. We’d like to thank the following groups for volunteering their time and efforts to collect food items and Coke products: Alcoa; Bank of America; Buckner Ministry; Capital One; Coca-Cola; Eastgate Baptist Church; EDS; Grant Thornton; Hope Center; Lockheed Martin; Medical Center of Plano; Operation Blessing; Perot Systems; Sabre Holdings; Sharing Life; Vought; Wal-Mart; and Walden Preparatory School.

SLAM DUNK HUNGER made a big impact on hunger relief in North Texas this year. On November 21, Mavs players Dirk Nowitzki and Jason Terry teamed up with Dave & Busters, CBS-11, TXA-21, The Dallas Mavericks Foundation and the Food Bank to bring in $40,653 – translating into 203,265 meals for hungry North Texans. Thank you to all who participated.

THE WHOLE FOODS GIVING TREE campaign, presented by Whole Foods Market, encouraged customers to buy a paper ornament to decorate the store’s Giving Tree throughout the month of December. Proceeds went to the Food Bank, and customers had the opportunity to donate in any dollar amount. This year’s Giving Tree ran from December 1 – 24 at six Metroplex stores and brought in $40,027, providing more than 200,135 meals for hungry North Texans.
EMPTY BOWLS PRESENTED BY TOM THUMB commemorated its eighth year on February 16, 2007. More than 1,200 guests gathered at the Meyerson Symphony Center to enjoy the savory soups, breads and desserts provided by local restaurants. Local artists donated more than 2,000 beautiful, handcrafted bowls for the occasion. The event brought in $89,120, translating into an incredible 445,600 meals for hungry North Texans. We’d like to extend a special thank you to our sponsors: Tom Thumb, Grant Thornton, Dave & Busters, EDS, Lockheed Martin, Mullis Newby Hurst, Post Properties, and Rent-A-Center.

TASTE OF THE NFL – THE ULTIMATE DALLAS COWBOYS TAILGATE PARTY PRESENTED BY LOCKHEED MARTIN saw record numbers in its third year! Hosted by Dallas Cowboys defensive end Marcus Spears and linebacker DeMarcus Ware at Kent Rathbun’s Abacus Restaurant, the event raised $103,833 for hungry North Texans on April 22 – that’s more than 500,000 meals for those in need! Other celebrated chefs were on hand for the party, including Blythe the Beck of Hector’s on Henderson; Anthony Bombaci of Nana Grill and the Hilton Anatole; Richard Chamberlain of Chamberlain’s Steak & Chophouse and Chamberlain’s Fish Market; Gilbert Garza of Suze; David Holben of Del Frisco’s; Julia Lopez and Noelle Grant of La Duni; Kevin Maxey of Craft Dallas; Jim Severson of Sevy’s Grill; John Tesar of the Mansion on Turtle Creek; Casey Thompson of Shinsei; Chris Ward of Mercury Grill; and James Williams of the North Texas Food Bank. We have many generous sponsors to thank, including: Annette & Wade Brannan; Brown Forman; Cumulus Radio; CBS 11/TXA21; Digital Replay; Grainger; Holmes Murphy; Jus Made; Lemmons Company; Lott Marketing; Manhattan Software, Inc.; Par-Way Vegalene; ProFiles Sports, Inc.; Rico’s; Schepps Dairy; Suzanne Johnson; and Tyson. We’d also like to thank Thomas Reprographics, E&J Gallo, Davis Mountains, Whole Foods Market, Albertsons, Skyy Vodka, Winn Meat Company, Terlato, and several other donors that contributed to the success of this event.

HUNGER AWARENESS DAY PRESENTED BY ALBERTSONS provided many North Texans from corporate, civic and public sectors an opportunity to serve this year. More than 150 hard-working volunteers helped package the equivalent of 62,500 meals for our neighbors in need on June 5. The Stewart Jones Band provided music and volunteers enjoyed coffee from Royal Cup while they worked. More than $32,000 was raised from their efforts! We would like to thank our generous sponsors: Albertsons, Southwest Airlines, EDS and KPMG.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE LOCALLY SPONSORED BY KROGER was a great success in its 15th year. City of Dallas residents were encouraged to place nonperishable food items by their mailboxes on May 12, which were then picked up by their mail carriers and delivered to the Food Bank. Far surpassing last year’s efforts, the drive brought in an incredible 164,534 pounds of food and $10,000 for hungry North Texans – much of which benefits children who receive free or reduced-price meals at school but can no longer depend on this food during the summer.

The North Texas Food Bank: Then and Now

Through a variety of special programs with unique purposes and goals, the Food Bank is able to help those in need of all ages. Each program has grown substantially to meet the increasing needs of this community as the Food Bank continues to serve more people in need than ever before.

The development of the Community Kitchen Program is a perfect example of this growth. Back in 1982, the Community Kitchen had yet to be envisioned. But today, this exceptional program is teaching disadvantaged individuals valuable life skills while they produce more than 10,000 meals each week for hungry North Texans.
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

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<td>- Other revenue</td>
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An estimated wholesale value of the donated food and other products is included in both the Statement of Financial Position (ending inventory) and Statement of Activities. Wholesale pricing was calculated for each of 29 different categories by America’s Second Harvest, and supplemented by local pricing data. The pricing used has been reviewed by independent auditors for both America’s Second Harvest and the North Texas Food Bank. FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2007.
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I take a dim view of most of the programs companies create to develop their people. The real development I’ve seen of people in organizations, especially in big ones, comes from their being volunteers in a nonprofit organization – where you have responsibility, you see results, and you quickly learn what your values are. There is no better way to understand your strengths and discover where you belong than to volunteer in a nonprofit. That is probably the great opportunity for the social sector - - and especially in its relationship to business.

We talk today of the social responsibilities of business. I hope we will soon begin to talk about the nonprofit organization as the great social opportunity for business. It is the opportunity for business to develop managers far more effectively than any company or university can. It is one of the unique benefits that the social sector can offer - - to provide a place where the knowledge worker can actually discover who he or she is and can actually learn to manage him- or herself.

Peter Drucker
Leader to Leader, #16, Spring 2000
The North Texas Food Bank: Then and Now

In Texas, 1 in 4 children live in food insecure households—meaning they don’t have access to the resources they need to stay full and focused in the classroom. That’s more than 1.4 million children who aren’t getting enough to eat on a daily basis.

In the Food Bank’s early years, hunger was primarily viewed as an adult issue. But over the past ten years, a variety of programs have emerged to specifically combat the very real problem of childhood hunger. In 1997, the first Summer Feeding program was introduced, providing 47,000 summer meals to hungry children in the absence of free school lunches. The following year, thanks to a generous grant from Capital One, our first five Kids Cafes opened their doors to serve after-school meals and snacks. And in 2004, Food 4 Kids was born, keeping hundreds of children from going hungry on the weekends with backpacks of nutritious food.

Our Programs

Charitable Produce Center Founded in 1994 with Louise Gartner’s vision, the Charitable Produce Center was designed to transform the large amount of waste in the fresh produce market into a source of nourishment for hungry North Texans. The Food Bank extended this concept in 1999 with a grant from Kraft Foods, Inc., by developing the Rural Produce Initiative to give fresh produce to Member Agencies outside of Dallas County each week. In fiscal year 2007, the program provided more than 3.3 million pounds of produce to North Texas counties.

Commodities Supplemental Food Program In 2000, the North Texas Food Bank became the first Commodities Supplemental Food Program (also known locally as People and Nutrition, or PAN) distributor in Texas. The program provides surplus USDA commodities for Dallas County residents who meet certain requirements, such as being 60 years old or older, a child under six not receiving aid from WIC (Women, Infants and Children Program) or a pregnant or postpartum woman not receiving assistance from WIC. Each month, 7,309 participants receive an estimated 25 pounds of surplus USDA commodities at 108 PAN distribution sites in Dallas County. PAN is a partnership of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Texas Department of Human Services, Catholic Charities of Dallas and the North Texas Food Bank.

Community Kitchen The Community Kitchen began as a North Texas Food Bank pilot program in early 2000. The mission of the Kitchen is to offer Food Bank Member Agencies nutritious, fully prepared frozen meals to heat and serve to the hungry while providing culinary job skills training to disadvantaged individuals with an interest in a food service career. Construction of a new 3,000 square foot kitchen at the Food Bank was completed in February 2002. The kitchen provided an average of 10,000 meals weekly in a variety of formats which are then distributed to 60 Member Agencies, including 10 shelters, 28 Kids Cafes and 30 Food Pantries. Up to 30 students, primarily from the Texas Second Chance Program in partnership with Dawson State Jail, received food service training each year while helping to prepare meals.

Food for Families Food For Families is a cooperative effort between the North Texas Food Bank and more than 30 Member Agencies. Clients of the participating Agencies are pre-qualified and are issued a voucher for specific food distribution. Clients meet Agency volunteers at a specific parking lot at a certain time. A drive-through line is organized and Agency volunteers give food directly to clients from Food Bank trucks. In fiscal year 2007, more than 1.5 million pounds of food were distributed to more than 16,000 families and 69,000 individuals.

Food 4 Kids Elementary school children on the free and reduced-price school meal program often face hunger when these meals are not available on weekends. The Food 4 Kids program helps to solve this problem by providing backpacks full of nonperishable, kid-friendly food for these chronically hungry children to take home on Friday afternoons. The program has grown exponentially from 15 participating elementary schools last year to 97 schools in fiscal year 2007. Approximately 2,500 children in the Dallas area received a backpack full of food each weekend during the school year.
**HUNGER LINK PREPARED FOODS** The Dallas Hunger Link collects surplus prepared perishable food from 50 donor hotels, restaurants, cafeterias and other food service kitchens. That food is then frozen in disposable aluminum steam table pans provided by the Food Bank. Specially trained Hunger Link drivers then pick up the food in refrigerated Hunger Link trucks and distribute it to on-site meal programs throughout Dallas. In fiscal year 2007, the Hunger Link program collected more than 475,839 pounds of food.

**KIDS CAFE** The North Texas Food Bank’s Kids Cafe program began in 1998 as a way to provide nutritious after-school meals to children who may not have enough to eat when they go home from school. The Food Bank currently operates 28 Kids Cafe sites with generous funding from Capital One. More than 200,000 meals were served last year to children in Dallas and Denton counties.

**MAIN PROGRAM** The Main Program of the North Texas Food Bank gathers donations of both perishable and nonperishable food as well as nonfood items. These items are then distributed to North Texas area food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters and other programs for those in need. In fiscal year 2007, the Food Bank’s Main Program distributed items to Member Agencies’ food pantries, serving 540,402 families. Area homeless shelters, day-care centers, soup kitchens and other facilities provided 5,049,583 on-site meals and snacks to the hungry in our community.

**NUTRITION EDUCATION/OPERATION FRONTLINE** Since 1996, the North Texas Food Bank has partnered with Share Our Strength, a national anti-hunger, anti-poverty organization to offer Operation Frontline (OFL). Through direct outreach to clients at Member Agencies, Operation Frontline promotes short and long-term solutions to hunger by providing individuals, parents and children with the skills they need to make healthy, economical food choices. Culinary professionals, nutritionists and food enthusiasts volunteered more than 700 hours of their time to teach low-income participants the basics of healthy cooking, nutrition, food budgeting and food safety. More than 200 participants were served through 16 six-week classes, and 1,806 adults and children were served through 32 workshops. In total, 3,903 participants received nutrition education through Operation Front Line classes, People and Nutrition (PAN), Kids Cafe, various other workshops and family events.

**TEXAS SECOND CHANCE** In 1997 the North Texas Food Bank formed a collaborative partnership with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Texas Second Chance allows selected prison confinees to volunteer at the Food Bank up to four days a week. As volunteer laborers, they receive job skills training in computer operations, receptionist work, warehousing and food service. This training vastly improves their ability to successfully reintegrate into the community. Last year participants in the Texas Second Chance program provided more than 17,000 hours of community service for the Food Bank.