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**North Texas Food Bank to Receive 41,000 Pounds of Food from
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**

PLANO, TX – Since the onset of COVID-19, the team at the North Texas Food Bank has been working diligently, ramping up production to meet the increased need for food assistance. Alongside members of the Texas National Guard, the Food Bank is distributing food via the Mobile Pantry as well as through a robust Feeding Network of Partner Agencies across 13 counties. The team is distributing boxes of fresh produce as well as dry goods in a drive-thru style distribution.

In order to stock the shelves of the NTFB, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is making a substantial food donation to the North Texas Food Bank on Wednesday June 17, 2020. The church is facilitating the delivery which will include more than Forty-one thousand pounds of canned meats, vegetables, fruit, soups, peanut butter and pasta.

“The Food Bank is working harder than ever to ensure that our hungry neighbors have access to the food that they need,” said Erica Yeager Chief External Affairs Officer for the North Texas Food Bank. “The food that the church is donating is the perfect combination to include in our family meal boxes. Each week we have a goal of creating 60,000 food boxes for distribution across our network and this food donation will go a long way, helping us fill tables across our region.”

This truck load donation from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is part of its ongoing global effort to address the immediate needs that have been amplified in many communities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To date, Latter-day Saint Charities has initiated 280 COVID-19 relief projects in over 80 countries. Most of these humanitarian projects are done with trusted partners, such as the North Texas Food Bank, which allows the Church to use its resources in places where they can do the most good.

“The North Texas Food Bank has been feeding families and children in our community for 38 years,” said Kevin Beech, President of the Plano Texas Stake of The Church of Latter-day Saints. “We are especially grateful for our ongoing partnership with them, for their efforts during this unprecedented time, and for the opportunity to support their continuing mission to feed our families in North Texas.”

The church has a longstanding relationship with the North Texas Food Bank working alongside the team at the Plano Mayors office to support efforts that help feed hungry children in Plano and the surrounding communities.

“I’m pleased to recognize the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for the donation of 41,000 pounds of food that will go a long way toward feeding hungry families in our region,” said Plano Mayor Harry LaRosiliere. “Since the North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) moved their

headquarters to Plano nearly two years ago, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and our entire community have expanded our historic cooperation with the Food Bank to address food insecurity. We recognize this donation comes at critical time for our community.”

Truck load donations are coordinated at our facilities in Salt Lake City, UT. The church maintains a variety of resources located through the US that produce, process and package food from our farms along with purchases made from commercial food providers. These items are assembled and stored in our warehouse facilities where shipments are loaded and dispatched directly to the receiving organization, in this case delivered from Salt Lake City to Plano.

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