



North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) *Food 4 Paws* FY20 Report

With the leadership and support of pet lover and philanthropist, Astrid Merriman, and her friends, **Food 4 Paws** was created in 2011 to facilitate the large-scale solicitation of donated dog and cat food; and its distribution to families and individuals seeking assistance through NTFB direct feeding programs and Partner Agency food pantries.

Now in its 9th year, this program has become part of the North Texas Food Bank's regular food distribution process. NTFB Partner Agencies order and distribute pet food to food insecure families who have animals at home as part of their normal order process. Here are some highlights from the year. We couldn't be more pleased to share that, with your support, we have provided our furry friends with more than 2.3 million nutritious servings of pet food through this program.



FISCAL YEAR	POUNDS	SERVINGS
2011-12	177,374	218,306
2013	161,595	198,510
2014	236,244	287,576
2015	187,319	230,546
2016	199,356	245,361
2017	287,267	353,559
2018	250,424	308,214
2019	256,129	315,236
2020 YTD	161,394	198,639
TOTAL	1,917,102	2,355,947

*Using an average daily serving of 0.8125 pounds per serving.



As NTFB continues to close the hunger gap in North Texas by providing access to nutritious food, we know that many food insecure families with four-legged family members tend to share their "people food" with the pets, putting their health at-risk. For that reason, NTFB distributes pet food to these families through our Partner Agency Network at no handling fee. We depend on donations from the community and in-kind donations from local/national corporations and retailers. Last year, the North Texas Food Bank distributed 256,129 pounds of pet food to low income families

who think of their pets as part of the family.

More than 100 Partner Agencies distribute pet food through our Main Program. With enthusiasm for the program, several of our agencies ordered over 5,000 pounds of pet food during FY19, including: **Volunteer Center of North Texas, City Square, Hunt County Shared Ministries, Christian Benevolent Outreach, Good Samaritans, Amazing Grace Fellowship, Crossroads Community Services, First Assembly of God Terrell, and New Beginnings Center.**

List of Agencies Receiving Pet Food from NTFB in FY19



VOLUNTEER CNTR OF NORTH TEXAS	LAKE AREA SHARED MINISTRIES	
CITY SQUARE	BASIC FOOD PANTRY	
HUNT COUNTY SHARED MINISTRIES	WOLFE CITY FOOD PANTRY	
CHRISTIAN BENEVOLENT O/R	LPC RICHLAND CAMPUS	HUNGRY HEARTS FOOD PANTRY
GOOD SAMARITANS	FRUITFUL HARVEST MINISTRY	SOUL FOR CHRIST MINISTRY, INC
AMAZING GRACE FELLOWSHIP	LANCASTER OUTREACH CENTER	COMMUNITY BREADBASKET
CROSSROADS COMMUNITY SERVICES	PLEASANT GROVE FOOD PANTRY	MESQUITE SOCIAL SERVICES
FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD TERRELL	PINE FOREST PANTRY	GRAND PRAIRIE FAMILY CHURCH
NEW BEGINNING CENTER	FOUR CORNERS OUTREACH	VOICE OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY
ALLEN COMMUNITY OUTREACH	MT TABOR BAPTIST CHURCH	BAPTIST BENEVOLENT IRVING
HEARTS AND HANDS COMM.	JUBILEE EMERGENCY AID CENTER	SOUTH LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH
CARVER HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH	HARMONY MISSIONARY BAPTIST	JACK AND JILL DAYCARE
LIFE MESSAGE, INC.	MINNIES FOOD PANTRY	IRVING CARES, INC
CEDAR HILL FOOD PANTRY	SHARING LIFE COMM OUTREACH	UNITED UNIVERSE
MANNA HOUSE	COMMUNITY OUTREACH CONNECTION	GOOD STREET SOCIAL CENTER
A CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY	BETHLEHEM PLACE	SALVATION ARMY CORSICANA
CUMBY FOOD PANTRY	TEEN/LIFE CHALLENGE OF DALLAS	SOUL FOR CHRIST MINISTRY, INC
DOWNTOWN FOOD PANTRY	SVDP FOOD PANTRY	BROWN ST. CHURCH OF CHRIST
DELTA HOPE HOUSE	Leonard Pentecostal Church	SALVATION ARMY LEWISVILLE
NOURISHING NEIGHBORS	BREAD OF LIFE CHURCH	FRIENDSHIP HOUSE
OUR COMMUNITY PANTRY	HOMEWARD BOUND TRINITY CENTER	GRAYSON COUNTY SHELTER
CARROLLTON FRIENDSHIP HOUSE	NEW BEGINNING FELLOWSHIP	N. TX FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE
SEVEN LOAVES FOOD PANTRY	CARE CENTER MINISTRIES	SALVATION CENTER
GRAND PRAIRIE UNITED CHARITIES	WHITE ROCK CENTER HOPE/SEDEA	SALVATION ARMY PARIS
FRISCO FAMILY SERVICES CENTER	CHOCOLATE MINT FOUNDATION	CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH
DENISON HELPING HANDS	WAXAHACHIE CARE SERVICES	BRIGHTER TOMORROWS GP
NETWORK OF COMMUNITY MINISTRY	GRACE PLACE PROP, INC.	GOLDEN GATE BAPTIST CHURCH
KAUFMAN CHRISTIAN HELP CENTER	HOLY CROSS FOOD PANTRY	ESTATES AT GRAND PRAIRIE INC.
FANNIN COUNTY CO MINISTRIES	PLANO FOOD PANTRY	CISD J.A. VITOVSKY ELEM SCHOOL
METROCREST SERVICES	SOUL'S HARBOR, INC.	EQUAL HEART
MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE	NEW LIFE CHURCH OF NTX	HIGHLAND OAKS CHURCH OF CHRIST
GRAND CENTRAL STATION	SOUPMOBILE	FAMILY GATEWAY
KARE KEY	HOLY HIGHWAY	GRAYSON JUVENILE ALTERNATIVES
PATHWAY OF LIFE CHURCH	LIFESOURCE MINISTRIES	PCHAS SPFP
PRECIOUS GEMS RA1	BOLES HOME, INC	SALVATION ARMY DALLAS PANTRY
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY ACTION	SERVICES OF HOPE	