

North Texas Food Bank Celebrates 40 Years of Providing Hunger Relief in North Texas

Black-tie Harvest Event Recognizes Past, Present and Future of Fighting Hunger

February 3, 2022 (Dallas) – The North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) today announced a black-tie gala event commemorating the organization’s 40 years of providing hunger relief in North Texas. Scheduled for Saturday, February 19, 2022, at the Dallas Omni hotel, the Harvest celebrates the NTFB’s history and impact in the fight against hunger. Tickets may be purchased at www.ntfb.org/harvest until February 10th.

In recognition of the NTFB’s 40th anniversary, this year’s Harvest event is chaired by one of the Food Bank’s founders, Ambassador Kathryn Hall, along with her husband, Craig. Liz Minyard, another of the Food Bank’s founders, serves as Honorary Chair. Speaking at the event will be Claire Babineaux-Fontenot, CEO of Feeding America and one of *Time Magazine’s* most influential people of 2020.

“Forty years ago, four Dallas women made a pledge to fight hunger in North Texas. Through persistence and generous community support, these visionary leaders – Jo Curtis, Kathryn Hall, Lorraine Griffin Kircher and Liz Minyard – collected and distributed donations of surplus food through a network of charitable organizations,” noted Trisha Cunningham, president and CEO of the North Texas Food Bank.

“Today, the NTFB stands as one of the largest organizations in Feeding America’s national network of over 200 food banks. Perhaps the greatest lesson we’ve realized throughout our history is the impact that one person can have in the fight against hunger,” Cunningham added.

This year’s Harvest presenting sponsor is Albertsons/Tom Thumb. Emmy Award and Associated Press award-winning journalist and co-anchor of NBC 5 *Today*, Laura Harris serves as the emcee for the event.

To recognize its 40 years of fighting hunger, the North Texas Food Bank has created a video capturing key moments and milestones in the organization’s history. [The video](#) also supports the launch of [Nourish North Texas](#), the Food Bank’s ambitious campaign to provide more food for families today while addressing the underlying barriers to food security.

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About the North Texas Food Bank

The North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) is a top-ranked non-profit hunger-relief organization that sources, packages and distributes food through a network of more than 200 Partner Agencies across 13 North Texas counties. The organization also provides food to children, seniors and families through various direct-delivery programs, including mobile pantries.

In its last fiscal year, the NTFB provided access to more than 125 million nutritious meals, a 28% percent increase over the prior year. In response to the ongoing elevated hunger crisis, the organization has launched a \$500 million campaign, Nourish North Texas, to provide more food for today and hope for tomorrow by addressing the root causes of food insecurity.

The North Texas Food Bank is designated a 4-Star Exceptional organization by Charity Navigator based on its governance, integrity and financial stability. NTFB is a member of Feeding America, the nation's largest hunger-relief organization.

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