



FY21 At a Glance: North Texas Food Bank

Fiscal Year 21 (July 2020 – June 2021) began in the middle of a health and economic crisis for North Texas and the world, and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on hunger continued throughout the year. Last year, the Food Bank worked in partnership with more than 200 Partner Agencies from the NTFB Feeding Network to provide access to more than 125 million nutritious meals across a diverse 13-county service area which spans 10,000 square miles – the most annual meals ever in our history and a 28 percent increase from FY20.

We know food insecurity tends to lag years behind economic recovery. This is especially true for communities of color who face higher rates of unemployment, poverty and food insecurity.

To address the heightened levels of hunger in the 13 counties we serve and to address the root causes of hunger, the North Texas Food Bank launched **Nourish North Texas – a three-year comprehensive fundraising campaign**. Nourish North Texas is an ambitious campaign that **will transform how we fight hunger in North Texas**. The campaign supports our new strategic plan to provide our hungry neighbors with more **Food for Today**, while providing **Hope for Tomorrow** by helping to eliminate the barriers to food security. If we want to make a lasting impact in the fight against hunger, we must do more than provide food. We must think boldly and act with a renewed sense of purpose.

The [North Texas Food Bank](#) was established in 1982 to aid in local hunger relief efforts, and as an organization has a proven track record of accomplishment, earning a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator.

The Need in North Texas

- Research from Feeding America indicates that the food insecurity* rate is **15.4 percent** in North Texas. This means there are an estimated **800,000**** food-insecure people (**300,000 children**) in the NTFB 13-county service area.
- This translates to **1 in 6 people, including 1 in 5 children**.
- The NTFB service area is the **5th highest in the nation** in food insecure people out of the Feeding America service areas.
- The NTFB service area is **4th in the nation** in the number of food insecure children out of the Feeding America service areas.

* Food insecurity is a lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life which often equates to missed meals or unhealthy choices.

**Source: Feeding America March 2021 Projections

- **Hunger exists in all zip codes.** Everyday people are forced to make difficult choices between buying food and other necessities, such as medication or covering their utilities.

Creating a Hunger Free, Healthy North Texas

- In FY21, the NTFB increased access to nutritious food by **28 percent** over FY20, ending the year at **125.6 million meals – the most ever annual meals in our history.** Of these meals, more than 27 million are due to NTFB SNAP outreach.
- In FY21, **NTFB distributed an average of 2.4 million pounds of food of week via our Feeding Network; 93.4% of this food is nutritious** and almost **29%** was a fruit or a vegetable.
- In FY21, NTFB distributed **more than 37 million pounds of fresh produce**, compared to 34 million in FY20.
- The NTFB Feeding Network includes more than **200 Partner Agencies** who are in neighborhoods and communities where food-insecure neighbors work and live.
- Beyond food assistance, many partners provide wrap-around services and programs that focus on fighting the underlying causes of poverty and food insecurity.
- The Mobile Pantry Program distributed more than **13 million meals** to neighbors in hard-to-reach areas, including rural and urban locations, through **97 unique distribution sites** throughout our 13-county service area.
- During a pre-Thanksgiving distribution in November 2020, the Mobile Pantry set a record by distributing **more than 700,000 pounds of nutritious food**, and during the winter storm in February, **over four million meals** were accessed.
- Through programs and partnerships, NTFB provided hungry children with access to more than **45 million** nutritious meals. During the 2020-2021 school year, the NTFB Child Programs specifically served over **1.5 million meals through the School Pantry Program** and more than **1.2 million meals through the Food 4 Kids** backpack program.
- In FY21, NTFB provided **seniors** with access to more than **18.8 million nutritious meals** through its dedicated Senior Program and its main services and SNAP.

Time, Talent and Treasure Make a Difference

- **The Perot Family Campus** continues to elevate our ability to advance efficient and innovative practices, feeding more hungry neighbors throughout North Texas. During the pandemic, the warehouse space at PFC allowed us to manage and store the increased inventory and extend assembly lines for social distancing, while also facilitating efficient food distribution and ensuring the safety of staff and volunteers.
- NTFB maximizes donations to meet the need. For every \$1 donated, NTFB can provide access to more than three nutritious meals, and **95% of our resources go directly toward fulfilling our mission.**
- Volunteers are the hearts and hands of our organization. In FY21, volunteers donated more than **65,000 hours** to helping serve North Texans in need.

- The North Texas community helps meet the need in our area, with more than **970** community organizations and businesses hosting canned food drives each year, collecting more than **718,000** pounds of non-perishable foods.