

North Texas Food Bank's 9th Annual Peanut Butter Drive Collects Nearly 350,000 Pounds of Food

The expanded food drive will help feed children in North Texas

November 4, 2022 (Dallas) – [The North Texas Food Bank](#) (NTFB) announced the results of its 9th Annual Peanut Butter Drive that took place throughout September as part of Hunger Action Month. The 2022 campaign collected a record-breaking 349,881 pounds, marking an increase of 1,902 pounds raised in the 2021 campaign.

This year the North Texas Food Bank expanded the drive to include all 13 counties that the North Texas Food Bank serves, bringing together cities, neighborhoods, corporations, faith-based groups, and other organizations to collect jars of peanut butter that can then be distributed through the North Texas Food Bank's [Food 4 Kids backpack program](#) and its feeding network of more than 400 partner agencies and organizations. Peanut butter is a healthy, kid-friendly and shelf-stable item that makes it an important component of nutritional charitable food assistance.

The following recipients were recognized at the Peanut Butter Drive Reveal Ceremony for collecting the most peanut butter in their categories:

- First Place Company: NTT DATA
- Second Place Company: Ryan LLC
- Third Place Company: Texas Trust
- Top School by Pounds: Rice Middle School in Plano ISD
- Top School by Funds: Prairie Creek Elementary in Richardson ISD
- Top City Overall: Richardson
- Top City Per Capita: Fairview
- Top Faith-Based Organization: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- Top Community Group: Nihao Food Bank Initiative



(Left to right) Rachel Graff, Harwood International; Johnny Jenkins, NTFB; Chris Glasscock, Rice Middle School with Plano ISD; James Huang, Nihao; Kathy Warman, NTT DATA; Catherine Cassias, Prairie Creek Middle School with Richardson ISA; Dennie Swingle, Town of Fairview; Jim Skelly and Tommy Mrazek, Whiffletree Neighborhoods; Mayor Paul Voelker, City of Richardson; Trisha Cunningham, NTFB; David Gu and Bing Xie, Nihao

“We are so grateful for the outpouring of community support during our annual Peanut Butter Drive,” said [Trisha Cunningham, President and CEO of the North Texas Food Bank](#). “This annual peanut butter drive could not have come at a better time with the impact of rising prices and children starting back to school, and it will help us tremendously in providing for those who need us most right now.”

As in the past, the Peanut Butter Drive is led by a committee dedicated to fighting childhood hunger. Each of the committee members not only coordinated a drive but also personally reached out to multiple organizations and individuals encouraging the community to get involved. The 2022 Peanut Butter Drive Committee consisted of:

- Raj & Anna Asava – HungerMitao
- Justin Bitner – Ryan LLC
- Ken Crawford – Northway Christian Church
- Dustin Davis – Ryan LLC
- Breon Dennis – Frisco Rough Riders
- Rick Grady – City of Plano City Council
- James Huang – Nihao Food Bank Initiative
- Jason Jenkins – Frisco Police Department
- Ron Johnson – Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints – Plano
- Kay Maxwell – First Unitarian Church of Dallas
- Jennifer Meldrum – The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints – Allen
- Kathy Warman – NTT DATA

“I want to recognize all who supported Hunger Action Month and the Peanut Butter Drive, including the Peanut Butter Drive Committee, all the cities who supported the drive with proclamations, hosting drives and spreading the word in your communities which includes mayors and city staff from Allen, Anna, Carrollton, Coppell, Dallas, Fairview, Fate, Frisco, Lavon, McKinney, Parker, Plano, Princeton, Prosper, Richardson, Sachse and Wylie. I want to especially recognize the City of Richardson and Mayor Paul Voelker and the City Manager, Don Magner, for sponsoring the Peanut Butter Drive mayor video used to kick off the campaign,” continued Cunningham.

The peanut butter collected in this campaign is a significant contribution toward NTFB’s food goal of its [Nourish North Texas campaign](#), which includes raising \$300M in donated food products by the end of June 2023. Due to the increased need in North Texas along with supply chain issues, the NTFB had to purchase significantly more food over the last two years compared to pre-pandemic levels, and offsetting this cost is critical.

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About North Texas Food Bank

The North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) is a top-ranked nonprofit hunger-relief organization that sources, packages and distributes food through a diverse network of more than 400 feeding partners including food pantries and community organizations 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 nearly 137 million nutritious meals, a 9% 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 barriers to food security that our neighbors face.

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. www.ntfb.org

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