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North Texas Food Bank Unveils SNAP Mobile at Community Event on January 21

The mobile office will provide resource assistance to North Texas communities experiencing high levels of food insecurity.

January 20, 2023 (Dallas) – [The North Texas Food Bank \(NTFB\)](https://www.ntfb.org) will launch its latest resource to close the hunger gap in North Texas at the West Dallas Multipurpose Center on January 21 with the unveiling of the North Texas Food Bank SNAP Mobile. The mobile office will be staffed with a team that will travel to isolated communities experiencing high levels of food insecurity within the Food Bank’s 13-county service area to provide access to information and application assistance for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and other benefit programs such as Medicaid, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and the Medicare Savings Program, as well as other additional community resources.



“The NTFB SNAP Mobile is a component of our Hope for Tomorrow strategy of addressing food insecurity in communities of great need and is an extension of our current Social Service Assistance team operations,” said Anne Readhimer, Vice President of Community Impact for the North Texas Food Bank. “The SNAP Mobile will serve as an additional method of providing access to SNAP and other benefits assistance to address increased demand in areas of high need that are not conducive for a Case Assistance Navigator to permanently be stationed onsite.”

The NTFB SNAP Mobile is sponsored by the [Tom Thumb / Albertsons Foundation](#) and the Kalman and Ida Wolens Foundation and will provide much-needed resources to high-need zip codes including 75460, 75432, 75110, 76201, 75020, 75418, 75401, 75428, 75165, 75482, 75474, 76065, 76651 and 75119.

“We are so grateful for the support of organizations like Tom Thumb/ Albertsons and the Kalman and Ida Wolens Foundation that recognize the growing issue of hunger and look for ways to contribute to organizations addressing this complex problem,” said Trisha Cunningham, President and CEO of the North Texas Food Bank. “Their generosity helps advance our mission of bridging the hunger gap in North Texas during this critical time and beyond.”

With inflation rates at their highest point in 40 years, the North Texas Food Bank has seen a 15 percent increase in meals delivered to North Texans since March of 2022, providing access to an average of 12 million meals each month.

“Neighbors in every zip code are facing increasingly difficult choices every day – deciding whether to purchase groceries or pay for necessities such as gas, medicine, housing or utilities,” said Cunningham. “Nearly 700,000 North Texans are unsure of where their next meal will come from and tragically, this includes more than 250,000 children, or one in every five in our region, giving the NTFB service area the 4th highest level of food-insecure children in the country. The SNAP program is the nation’s number one defense against hunger and the North Texas Food Bank was able to provide access to more than 52 million meals through our SNAP services last year. Our goal is to provide access to an additional 1.4 million meals through the NTFB SNAP Mobile over the next six months.”

The NTFB SNAP Mobile schedule and details will be posted at <https://ntfb.org/snap-mobile/>. In the future, community organizations will be able to request to have the NTFB SNAP Mobile come to specific events and communities, leveraging partnerships across the Food Bank's service area.

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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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