



NORTH TEXAS FOOD BANK **SERVICES CATALOG**

Dear Neighbor,

North Texas Food Bank was founded in 1982 by Jo Curtis, Kathryn Hall, Lorraine Griffin Kircher, and Liz Minyard who committed to address the critical issue of hunger in our community. In the first year, 400,000 pounds of food were distributed across 13 counties: Collin, Dallas, Delta, Denton, Ellis, Fannin, Grayson, Hopkins, Hunt, Kaufman, Lamar, Navarro, and Rockwall.

Now 42 years later we are still committed to this same vision for a hunger-free, healthy North Texas. Nearly 800,000 of our neighbors are food insecure today, which is why NTFB works every day to serve this need through our direct programs and network of over 500 Agency Partners. In our most recent fiscal year, we provided a record breaking 106 million meals to our food insecure neighbors in North Texas.

NTFB is able to meet the need in our community by utilizing a variety of programs that serve our children, families, and seniors in need. In the following pages you can learn more about the purpose and impact of each of these programs.

We believe we can close the hunger gap in North Texas by providing access to nutritious food. Through our Agency Partners, direct programs, and your support, together we can transform North Texas.

-- Trisha Cunningham, President and CEO



Fighting Hunger in North Texas

Together, we can transform North Texas.

Feeding Children in North Texas



1 in every 5 kids in North Texas is food insecure. North Texas Food Bank helps to address child hunger through access to food at our Agency Partners as well as our direct Child Programs: **Food 4 Kids and School Pantry.**

Through our Child Programs, we work with schools and social service programs in our 12-county service area to distribute nutritious foods to kids in need throughout the school year and the summer months.

Source: Feeding America *Map the Meal Gap*



Updated 5/8/25. Partner Agency Zone Documents and Forms. K. Carroll

Feeding Children in North Texas

Food 4 Kids



Elementary and middle school children on the free and reduced-price school meal program often face hunger at home when meals are not available on weekends.

Working with educators to identify chronically hungry kids, the Food 4 Kids program provides backpacks full of nutritious, nonperishable, kid-friendly food to take home each Friday afternoon. The program operates in around 300 schools, serving up to 11,000 chronically hungry children each week.

Elementary schools interested in the Food 4 Kids program who have at least 50% of students qualifying for free or reduced lunch (and middle schools at 40%) can reach out to childprograms@ntfb.org for more information.

Feeding Children in North Texas

School Pantry



Through School Pantry, students and their families can access non-perishable items and fresh produce at local schools.

Distribution occurs once a month after school. Students who visit the school pantry leave with 20-25 pounds of shelf-stable food and 15 pounds of fresh produce.

The School Pantry program operates in schools with high needs. Since students often need to carry food provided by the pantry, most travel to school on foot or by car. Schools need a physical space to operate the program and two people who can serve as site coordinators.

Schools interested in the School Pantry program can reach out to

childprograms@ntfb.org for

more information.  **North Texas Food Bank**

Feeding Families in North Texas

NTFB works closely with more than 500 food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and other facilities to ensure that we get nutritious food to those who need it. These strategic partnerships are critical, with over 80% of NTFB food ultimately delivered via our Agency Partners.

NTFB supports each partner with a dedicated specialist and trainings. In addition to providing food to partners, we also provide nutrition-related programs including SNAP benefits, outreach services, and nutrition education workshops.

Agency Partners are 501(c)3 organizations that are established food partners in their community and have adequate operational capacity to grow. The most impactful organizations demonstrate growth and/or offer wrap-around services. To learn more, go to ntfb.org/agency-zone/.

Agency Partners



Feeding Families in North Texas



777,690 of our neighbors are food insecure today

NTFB provides support through our vast agency partner network and variety of programs including social service assistance, nutrition workshops, garden programs, and community food drives. Together, we work every day to help North Texas families put nutritious food on the table.

Source: Feeding America *Map the Meal Gap*



Updated 5/8/25. Partner Agency Zone Documents and Forms. K. Carroll

Feeding Families in North Texas

Partner Grants

Through our Partner Agency Grants program, we provide financial support to our partners in various impactful ways. This includes resources to expand or create new holistic services, enhance food delivery or pantry operations in high-need areas, and address emergency situations that may hinder their ability to serve the community effectively.

Grants are competitive and require the Agency Partner to meet NTFB compliance requirements to receive funding. For more information, visit <https://ntfb.org/agency-zone/>



Feeding Families in North Texas

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) supports the nutritional needs of low-income families as one of the nation's most important defenses against hunger.

NTFB offers free SNAP information and application assistance, helping to increase enrollment in North Texas. In FY24, NTFB provided access to 19.4 million meals through the SNAP program which equates to a local economic impact value of nearly \$80 million in SNAP funds distributed into the economy of our service area.

NTFB also assists applicants when they are applying for CHIP, TANF, Medicaid, Women's Health Program, and Medicare Savings Programs.

To learn more call (214) 269-0906 or go to ntfb.org/snap-information/ to contact a SNAP representative.

Social Services Assistance



Feeding Families in North Texas

NTFB provides free culinary and nutrition education to SNAP eligible children, adults, and seniors.

Annually, we reach over 1,600 low-income individuals through cooking demonstrations, workshops, healthy pantry initiatives, and grocery store tours. NTFB also distributed around 120,000 free nutrition education materials, including recipes cards, cookbooks, produce cards, and nutrition handouts to promote and support health education for food-insecure audiences. All resources are provided free of charge to agencies serving at least 50% low-income populations.

More nutrition content, including recipes, can be found at ntfb.org/our-programs/nutrition-services/. For more information, please email nutrition@ntfb.org.

Nutrition Services



Feeding Families in North Texas

Jan's Garden, named after the North Texas Food Bank's late President and CEO, Jan Pruitt, is a teaching and demonstration garden at the Perot Family Campus. It was developed for nutrition education, volunteer opportunities, and environmental stewardship.

Jan's Garden seeks to display nutritious food options while doubling as an "outdoor classroom" for local community groups to learn about the impact of making healthy food choices. We welcome a wide variety of community groups who will learn through volunteer days, seasonal workshops, and garden lessons.

To volunteer or register for a workshop visit ntfb.org/jans-garden/.

Jan's Garden



Feeding Families in North Texas

Partner Gardens are community gardens located in the North Texas Food Bank's 12-county service area that donate at least 10% of their annual yield to one of the Food Bank's many Agency Partners. NTFB works with over ten Partner Gardens throughout North Texas.

The gardens range in size and location and offer many different varieties of produce. As a partner, gardens can receive assistance from the Food Bank through resources, shared knowledge, and collaboration.

To learn more about becoming a Partner Garden, visit ntfb.org/partner-gardens or email garden@ntfb.org.

Partner Gardens



Feeding Families in North Texas

Hope for Tomorrow

Hope for Tomorrow is a strategic initiative adopted by NTFB that enables neighbor access to effective services providing resources, skills, and support to address underlying barriers to food security. In doing so, we aim to collaborate to build more self-sufficient, food-secure communities, maximizing the collective impact of our network and other organizations working with and on behalf of neighbors.

Our primary focus areas under the umbrella of Hope For Tomorrow strategy are **Health** and **Financial Empowerment**.



To get more information contact your CPR representative or CPRteam@ntfb.org

Feeding Seniors in North Texas



An estimated 10.7% of seniors across Texas are food insecure, placing Texas in the top five states for the highest rates of food insecurity among seniors.

North Texas Food Bank works to address senior hunger through access to food at our Agency Partners and mobile sites as well as through our Senior Program, **Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)**.

Source: Feeding America *The State of Senior Hunger in America in 2018*

Feeding Seniors in North Texas

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)



Serving low-income seniors, the North Texas Food Bank directly partners with the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) to distribute a senior food box program called CSFP (Commodity Supplemental Food Program), locally known as PAN (People and Nutrition). Each month NTFB serves almost 8,000 seniors in need.

Participants can receive a pre-packaged box of approximately 36 pounds of non-perishable food once a month provided by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) at one of multiple distribution sites along with cheese and produce.

Seniors 60+ who are interested in learning more can email csfpteam@ntfb.org or call (214) 367-3123.



Additional Services

Agency University (AU)



AU offers education and training programs for the Food Bank's network of nonprofit partners and equips them with the tools and resources they need to better serve our neighbors in North Texas.

Agency University Courses

The Food Bank's resource team designs each training course with the needs of its nonprofit partners in mind. Agency University offers a

comprehensive range of courses including partner relationship management, volunteer management, grant seeking/writing, marketing and communications, leadership development and much more.

Benefits:

- AU is free to all partners.
- Partners can browse and take courses on their own time and the portal is super user friendly.
- Partners can communicate their thoughts/suggestions regarding any courses using the AU portal.
- All courses are a collaboration with subject matter experts and outside sources to ensure effective quality trainings.

Interested in learning more can email

agencyuniversity@ntfb.org



Service Insights on MealConnect

Service Insights on MealConnect is a free, optional, web-based application used to collect basic data from the neighbors we serve. Collecting this data allows us to have a more complete, accurate and up-to-date understanding of who we are serving. Over time, Service Insights will help us to better meet the needs of our neighbors at the local, state, regional and national level.

Why Use This Platform?



For Neighbors

The app offers neighbors a seamless and dignified experience that ultimately allows them to access resources more quickly.



For Partner Agencies

Agencies gain deeper insights into their clients, which helps them adapt and improve services, all while saving time on reporting and compliance.



For Food Banks

Food Banks, like NTFB, receive real-time data about the neighbors they serve, which drives data-driven decisions and allows for them to respond to emerging needs—all at no extra cost.



For The Network

As part of the Feeding America Network, we'll collectively harness national insights to improve program delivery, drive local and national policy change, and advance toward improved shared outcomes.

45

Food Pantry
Onboarding

943K

Neighbor Visits
Logged

What The Network Is Saying

"I love all of the ways we can personalize the platform for different agencies and programs." - Member Food Pantry

It's easy to use! We continually have new volunteers using the system at our pilot distributions, and all of them take to it so quickly, even though they have different levels of experience with technology. - Member Food Pantry

"Tableau Dashboards! Goodness gracious our Food Bank has needed this data for so long." - Member Food Pantry