



OUR MISSION

Empowering communities to eliminate hunger by providing food, education and resources through innovation and collaboration.

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A MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BO SODERBERGH



“Thank You” for contributing, volunteering, attending special events and advocating on behalf of those who face hunger daily. Your support of Tarrant Area Food Bank has helped us provide nutritious food for hungry families, provided skills that moved students from unemployment to competitive employment, and educated scores of folks on how to prepare fresh foods and stretch their budgets further. In short, you have changed lives for the better.

In this annual report, covering the period from July 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017, you will learn about the variety of programs offered by Tarrant Area Food Bank and see how you are helping us use technology and innovation in the hunger relief arena.

The past year has been one of necessary change at Tarrant Area Food Bank as we incorporate new strategies and technologies that will lead us forward in our fight against hunger. Last June, construction crews began renovating our 76,000 square foot food distribution center, requiring 1/3 of the center to be shut down at any given time. Staff and volunteers have been instrumental in keeping food moving in spite of the sounds of jackhammers, intermittent internet connectivity and the array of challenges that come with a major construction project. We are hopeful to have a fully functioning modern food distribution center ready by early fall. Without you, this dream could not have been realized. As you view the photo slideshow of the renovation, please accept our sincere thanks.

In this report, you’ll also learn that TAFB is a nationwide leader in the use of a technology called “Meal Connect” that helps our food partners get food onto tables with speed and efficiency. You’ll learn about our “Find Food” map which is an online resource designed to assist people to get and give help in their local communities and you’ll see how we’ve exponentially grown our online presence to bring you

more frequent and relevant ways to fight hunger. And most importantly, you’ll hear from the people we have been able to help because of your support.

I sincerely hope that you’ll enjoy learning about how we’re using technology and innovation right here in North Texas. We are truly honored to have your support!

Sincerely,

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FINANCIALS

Public Support

• Individuals	\$3,862,519
• Corporate	\$1,236,759
• Foundations	\$3,466,205
• Special Events (net)	\$ 366,710
• TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT:	\$8,932,193

• Donated Food and Commodities: \$54,874,775

Government Grants

• Total Government Grants:	\$2,898,747
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Revenues

• Total Other Revenue:	\$ 970,327
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• Total Support and Revenues: \$67,676,042

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TAFB serves
**13 NORTH TEXAS
COUNTIES**



1 OF 6 PEOPLE
struggle with
hunger



FEEDING NEIGHBORS IN NORTH TEXAS*



**26 MILLION
NUTRITIOUS MEALS**

distributed in a year

**500,000
NUTRITIOUS MEALS**

served each week

**47,500
HOUSEHOLDS**

assisted each month

**2,346 LBS
OF FRESH PRODUCE**

were harvested
from TAFB's gardens



17,003

seed packets distributed



99,055

meals made possible at FMNP



51,551

summer meals for kids



270

Partner Agencies



68

mobile pantries



\$10 will
provide
50 MEALS

EDUCATION & TRAINING

85%
COMMUNITY KITCHEN GRADUATES
remained employed one year after graduation



COOKING MATTERS

703 participants



21 courses taught

39 tours & workshops

39 volunteers



1 OF 4 CHILDREN

do not have enough food to eat



292,082

after school meals



90

in-school snack locations



432,658

meals delivered through
Backpacks & Summerpacks

VOLUNTEERS

\$1.5 MILLION

value of volunteer hours



281 VOLUNTEER

opportunities fulfilled

volunteers
donated*
**61,333
HOURS**



AT THE CORE OF OUR WORK TO PROVIDE FOOD, EDUCATION AND RESOURCES TO COMMUNITIES ARE OUR SERVICES. TARRANT AREA FOOD BANK IS DEDICATED TO ENSURING THAT INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES HAVE WHAT THEY NEED TO THRIVE.

OUR PROGRAMS

Community Kitchen



Tarrant Area Food Bank's Community Kitchen provides free culinary job training to prepare men and women for work in food services. The TAFB Community Kitchen gives students an opportunity to gain hands-on experience and give back to the community.

Food for Kids



Nutritious meals are vital to a child's overall well-being. Through Food for Kids programs, children receive healthy meals all year round.

BackPacks

Provides free backpack with kid-friendly meals to go home with child each weekend

Child and Adult Care Feeding Program (CACFP)

Partners with at-risk after-school programs at school sites, Partner Agencies & organizations to provide free dinners for kids 18 and under

Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP)

Provides access to free fresh locally grown produce during the summer for families in WIC

In-School Snacks Program (ISSP)

Public & charter schools provide free kid-friendly snacks

School-Based Pantries (SBP)

Provides free pantry access for families of children at the school host site or school district

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

Provides free breakfast, lunch and/or snacks to children 18 and under during summer at host approved sites

Mobile Pantries



Tarrant Area Food Bank works to provide food to communities with limited access to nutritious food. Our fleet travels within our 13-county service area delivering food to hungry North Texans.

Nutrition Services



Tarrant Area Food Bank's Nutrition Services team works to provide hands-on training and resources to improve the health of individuals, families and communities, and help Partner Agencies distribute safe, nutritious food.

Community Garden

Community members learn about effective gardening techniques while they help tend the garden and grow nutritious fruits and vegetables that are distributed to those in need

Cooking Matters

A cooking-based nutrition program that provides a long-term solution to hunger and poor nutrition by demonstrating strategies to get the best nutrition possible on a limited budget

GoHealthy

Distributes educational materials and budget friendly-recipes

Kitchen Garden Cooking School

Learn how to grow, harvest, and prepare healthy fruits & vegetables from your own back yard or community garden

Social Services Outreach



Our social services outreach staff help families and individuals apply for food assistance, financial assistance and healthcare.

