



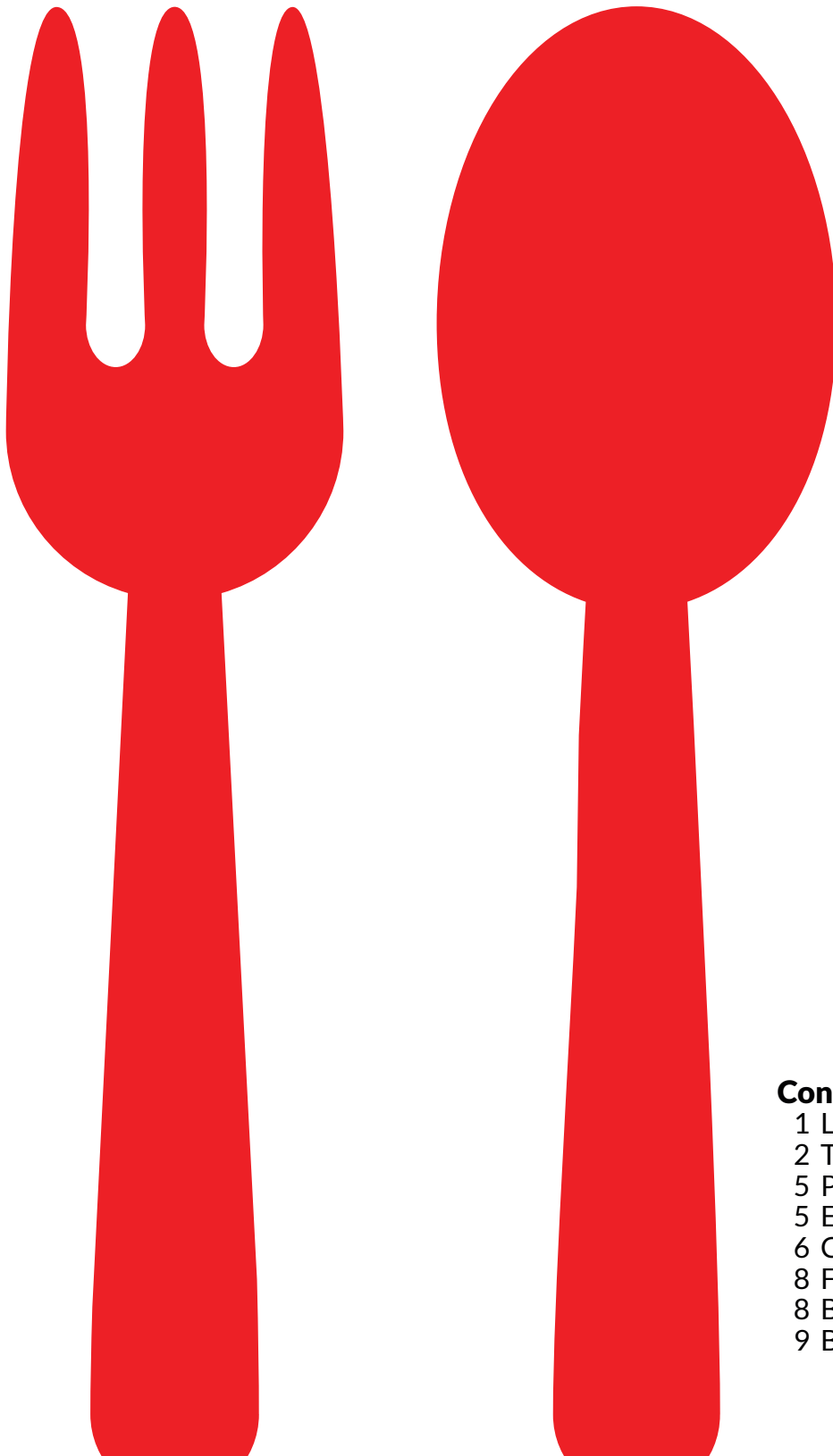
# Reaching More People in Need

Annual Report FY 2015



***“We believe that access to healthy food is a basic human right and not a privilege. All people deserve regular, nutritious meals.”***

*(Excerpt from Tarrant Area Food Bank Values Statement)*



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# LETTER FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Tarrant Area Food Bank and our now 300 Partner Agencies have come a long way since our inception in 1982. Back then, a handful of volunteers and Partner Agencies distributed a few thousand meals to families in need. This year, with the support of our Partner Agencies, we all distributed the equivalent of 24 million nutritious meals.

Together, Tarrant Area Food Bank and our Partner Agencies form a first line of support for families who are in need of food assistance. Our combined efforts currently provide food for an average of 52,000 households every month.

In recent years, the greatest change in the resources we provide has been a rapid growth in the sourcing and distribution of nutritious food. Fruits and vegetables made up a third (33%) of our distribution in 2015. In addition, just under a third (28%) was made up of protein, grains and dairy.

As we continue to focus on the distribution of nutritious food, we are grateful for our important relationships with the food industry. This year I want to highlight our grocery partners whose store donation programs generated almost a third (31%) of our food during 2015. Remarkably, this nutritious, but perishable food, was thrown away prior to this program. Thus, our grocery friends helped us put 11 million pounds of product on the tables of our hungry neighbors rather than a landfill!

Another very significant development is the dynamic public-private partnership with both the Texas Department of Agriculture, and the Health and Human Services Commission. Children's food programs, SNAP outreach and enrollment, nutritional education, The Emergency Food Assistance Program and the multiyear surplus agriculture distribution program all contribute to the well-being of families in need.

Finally, a very warm thank-you to our financial donors, who provide by far the greatest single source of operational support. With your help, Tarrant Area Food Bank and our 300 Partner Agencies continue to make a difference.



Bo Soderbergh  
Executive Director

## OUR AFFILIATIONS

Tarrant Area Food Bank is a member of Feeding America, a national network of regional food banks, and a member of Feeding Texas, the state network of Feeding America food banks.

# OVERVIEW

During fiscal year 2015, **Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB)** sourced **36 million pounds** of product representing a **7% year over year increase**. A staggering **28.5 million pounds** was distributed through **300 agencies**. An additional **2.8 million pounds** of product was distributed directly to clients via mobile solutions – Mobile Pantries, Produce Express, School Pantries and Senior Share.

During fiscal year 2015, between agencies, mobile solutions, kids programs and SNAP, TAFB was able to provide access to a total of **23.6 million nutritious meals** or approximately **462,000 meals each week** during this year.

## TAFB SERVICES

At the core of our work to provide food, education and resources to communities, is the distribution of nutritious food to ensure children can grow and learn and adults can succeed in their work. Tarrant Area Food Bank is dedicated to distributing food through any means possible, making nutrition accessible to those in need.

### Food Distribution Programs

- Mobile Pantries
- Pantry Express
- Senior Share Pantry Express
- Garden on the Go

### Food for Kids Programs

- BackPacks for Kids
- In-School Snacks
- After-School Meals
- Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP)
- Summer Meals for Kids
- SummerPacks for Kids

### Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

- SNAP benefits are estimated to have generated 4.9 million nutritious meals in the economies of Tarrant Area Food Bank's 13 county service region.
- The USDA estimates \$5 in new SNAP benefits generates \$9 of economic activity. In FY 2015, it is estimated that \$20.8 million impacted the local economy.

### OUR SERVICE REGION

We provide donated and purchased food along with related resources and services to hunger-relief charities in the 13 counties of Cooke, Denton, Wise, Palo Pinto, Parker, Tarrant, Johnson, Hood, Somervell, Erath, Hamilton, Bosque and Hill.









# PARTNER AGENCIES

As a central clearinghouse for donated food and groceries, Tarrant Area Food Bank receives fresh, frozen and nonperishable food donated by the food industry and the community. Dedicated volunteers help sort, inspect and repackage the food. This food is then distributed to our network of **300 Partner Agencies** serving children, the elderly, people experiencing homelessness and others in need. The people who generously donate their time, funds and skills to TAFB help make the services we provide to the community possible.

North Texans in need of food assistance can enter their address or ZIP code at [tafb.org/find-food](https://tafb.org/find-food) to find an agency that provides food near them.

# EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

## Nutrition Education

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.

- Cooking Matters
  - This program provides a long-term solution to hunger and poor nutrition by demonstrating cooking strategies to maximize nutritious meals on a limited budget.
- Community Garden
  - This program provides education and technical resources to communities and individuals seeking to create sources of home-grown food for themselves and neighbors in need.

## Community Kitchen

The Tarrant Area Food Bank Community Kitchen provides free **culinary job training** to prepare men and women from all backgrounds for careers in the food service industry.

- **14 weeks** of kitchen and classroom instruction
- **2-week** onsite internship
- **85%** of graduates placed into jobs in food service industry
- **85%** still employed one year after graduation
- FY 2015, Community Kitchen students prepared **67,400 single-serve meals**.

## OUR PARTNERSHIPS

Tarrant Area Food Bank partners with the Texas Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Tarrant Area Food Bank is operated in accordance with U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, which prohibits discrimination on the bases of race, color, national origin, age, disability, political beliefs, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, reprisal and, where applicable, marital status and familial or parental status.

# COMMUNITY SUPPORT

## Volunteers

In 2015, more than **25,000 volunteers** donated **85,000 hours** of their time to support Tarrant Area Food Bank by sorting, weighing, packaging and delivering food, teaching and volunteering in various learning programs and supporting Team TAFB.


## Financial and In-Kind Contributors

As a nonprofit organization, Tarrant Area Food Bank is supported primarily by private gifts from individuals, corporations, foundations and community and faith-based groups. **Charity Navigator**, a major evaluator of charities in the United States, consistently gives Tarrant Area Food Bank the **highest rating of four stars** for sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability, transparency and good governance.

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

<b>Public Support</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>
Individuals	4,103,000
Corporate	1,350,000
Foundations	1,609,000
Special Events (net)	304,000
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<b>Total Public Support</b>	<b>\$ 7,366,000</b>
<b>Donated Food and Commodities</b>	<b>\$ 53,821,000</b>
<b>Government Grants</b>	
Children's Programs	968,000
Feeding Programs	631,000
Outreach and Education	469,000
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<b>Total Government Grants</b>	<b>\$ 2,068,000</b>
<b>Revenues</b>	
Handling Fees	1,899,000
Investment Income	267,000
Royalties and Other	28,000
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<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 2,194,000</b>
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<b>Total Support and Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 65,449,000</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Operations	62,499,000
Development and Fundraising	2,227,000
Management and General	818,000
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<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 65,544,000</b>
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<b>Revenue over Expenses</b>	<b>\$ (95,000)</b>



A person with long brown hair is seen from behind, wearing a grey t-shirt. The t-shirt has white text that reads: "They're hungry **NOW**  
Help them by **SERVING**". The person is in a room with other people in the background, some of whom are wearing similar grey shirts. The background is slightly out of focus.

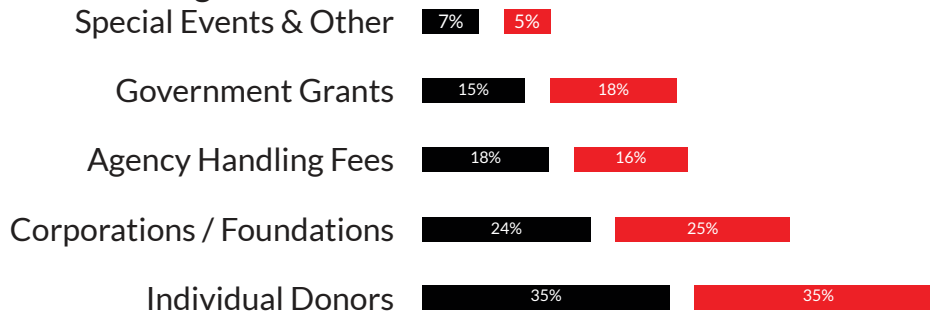
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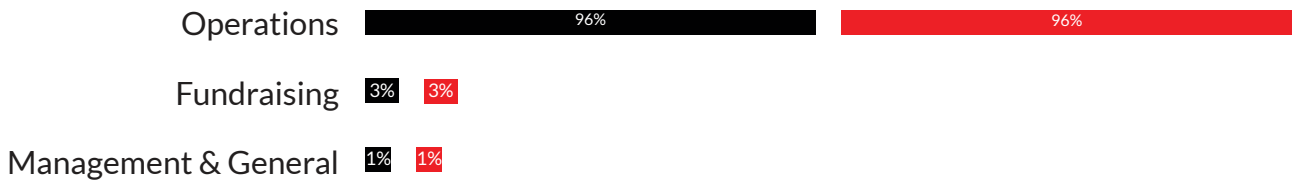
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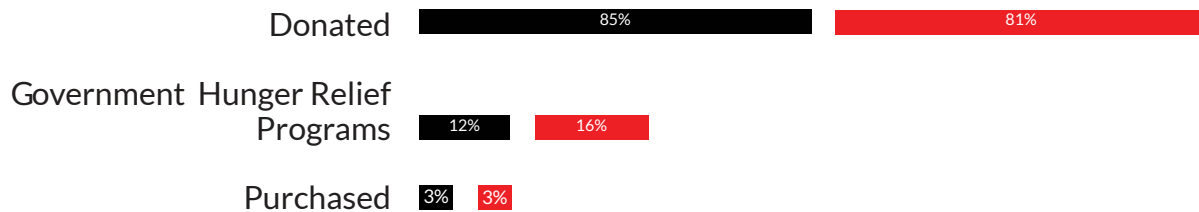
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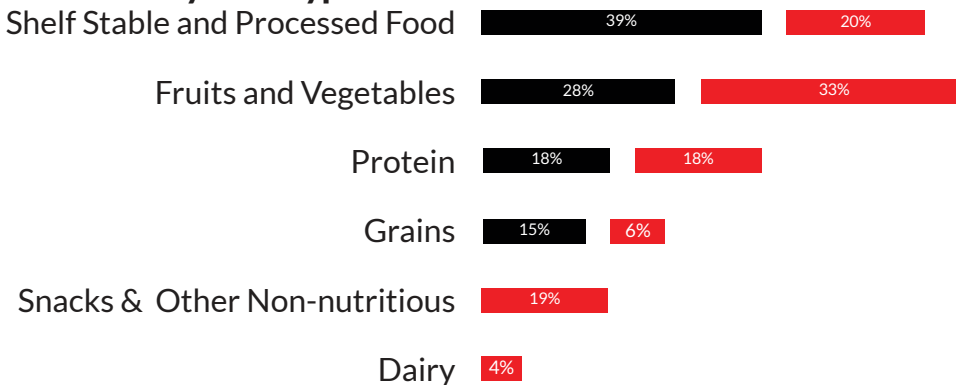
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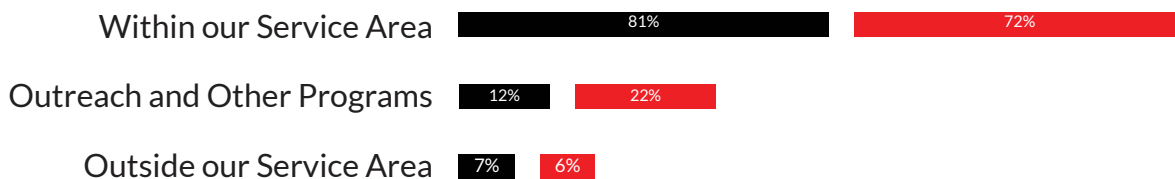
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## Distribution by Food Type



## Meals Provided



# TARRANT AREA FOOD BANK

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2014-2015

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### **OUR VALUES**

Tarrant Area Food Bank values and embraces diversity, fairness and inclusion as fundamental to our vision of empowering communities where no one has to go hungry. We believe that access to healthy food is a basic human right and not a privilege. All people deserve regular, nutritious meals. We are committed to conducting honest dialogue with all community partners. Through this dialogue, we will strive to continuously improve.



## OUR MISSION

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