



# Reaching More People in Need

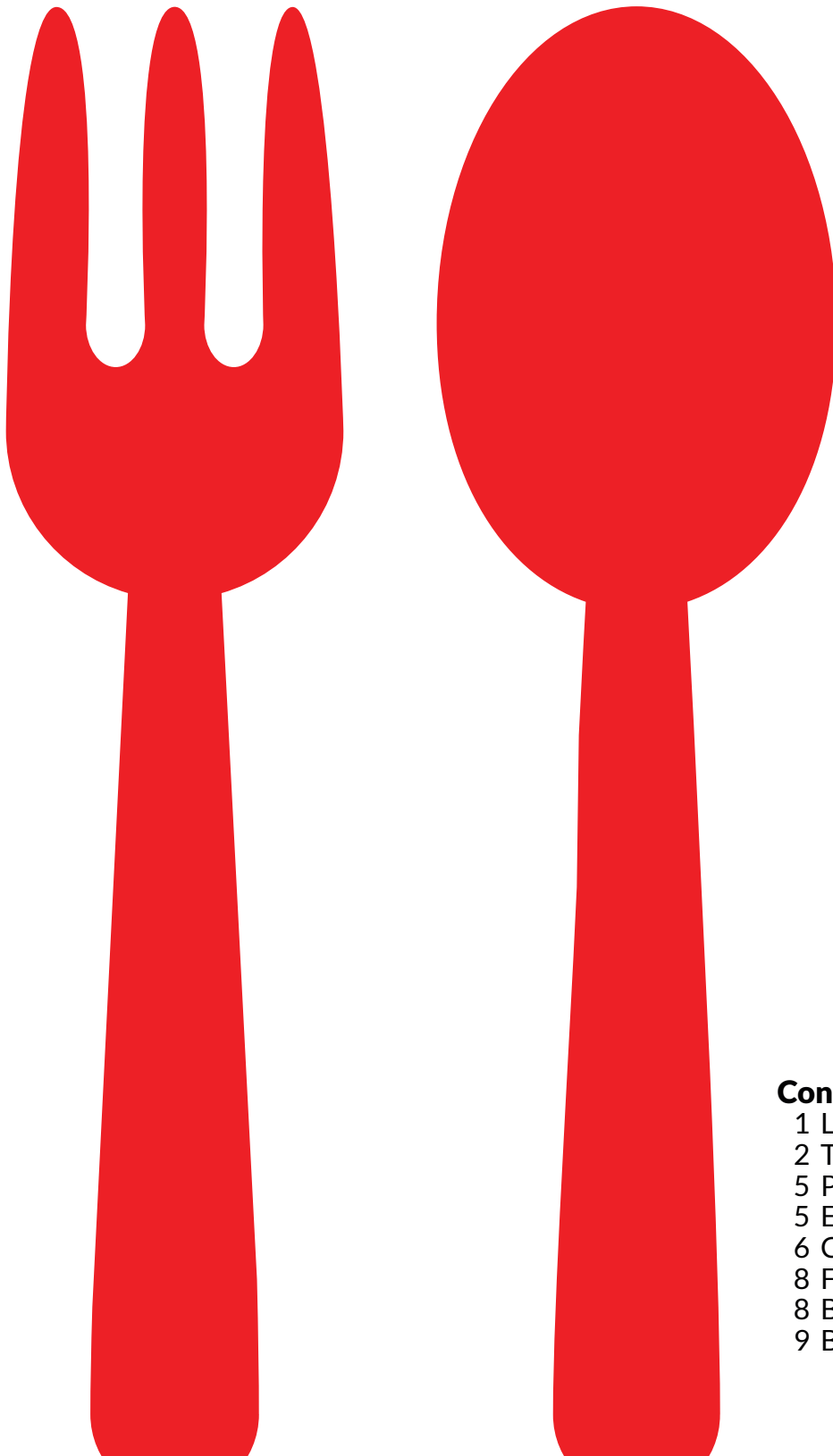
Annual Report FY 2016

**TARRANT**  
**AREA**  
**FOOD**  
**BANK**  
Member of Feeding America

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



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# LETTER FROM OUR DIRECTOR

For 34 years, Tarrant Area Food Bank has been dedicated to a vision of communities where no one has to go hungry. In fiscal year 2016, with the support of our Partner Agencies, we provided access to 25 million nutritious meals to an average of 52,000 North Texas households every month.

Fruits and vegetables made up more than a third (38%) of our distribution in 2016. From a nutritional point of view this is a fabulous development. Logistically, however, it presents a challenge not only for Tarrant Area Food Bank but also for our partners. These perishable foods must be distributed quickly to ensure that the highest-quality food reaches the tables of families in need.

To this end, our operations and agency relations departments have used increasingly sophisticated tools to ensure that we provide food and programs to underserved communities in our 13-county service area.

Next year, we anticipate sharing a report on our efforts to modernize and realign the flow and storage of product in our Distribution Center at 2600 Cullen St. In July 2015, we took the first step toward that goal by moving our administrative and most non-food distribution staff to our newly constructed Dorothy and Norman M. Kronick Building at 2525 Cullen St. This has freed up space for the coming changes in our original building at 2600 Cullen.

Since 1982, Tarrant Area Food Bank has worked to make inroads toward eliminating hunger in the communities we serve. It has been a challenging journey. Population growth, the stubborn persistence of generational poverty, emergencies and a host of other issues continue to make our presence necessary and our mission as vital as ever.

To all those whose support has been an invaluable component we say thank you. We can just imagine what hunger in our 13 counties would be like without the 25 million meals we made available in 2016!



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 2016, Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB) sourced 33.8 million pounds of product. A staggering 27.3 million pounds was distributed through 270 agencies. An additional 3.6 million pounds of product was distributed directly to clients via mobile solutions. We also shared 1.7 million pounds of product with food banks outside of our service area.

Between our Partner Agencies, mobile solutions, kids programs and SNAP, TAFB was able to provide access to a total of 24.8 million nutritious meals or approximately 490,000 meals each week in fiscal year 2016.

## 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. Through our mobile solutions and Food for Kids programs, we are able make nutrition more accessible to those in need.

### **Mobile Food Distribution Programs**

- Mobile Pantries
- Pantry Express
- Senior Share
- 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 4.5 million nutritious meals in the communities that comprise Tarrant Area Food Bank's 13-county service region.
- USDA estimates \$5 in new SNAP benefits generates \$9 of economic activity. In FY 2016, SNAP benefits are estimated to have generated 4.5 million nutritious meals and \$18.8 million in 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.









# 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
  - Provides a long-term solution to hunger and poor nutrition by demonstrating cooking strategies to maximize nutritious meals on a limited budget
- Community Garden
  - 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 individuals 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 2016, Community Kitchen students prepared 60,000 single-serve meals.

# 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 270 Partner Agencies serving children, families, seniors, people experiencing homelessness and others in need. Those 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](http://tafb.org/find-food) to find an agency that provides food near them.

## 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 discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

# COMMUNITY SUPPORT

## Volunteers

In 2016, TAFB received 68,000 hours of donated volunteer time. In those 23,000 visits, these dedicated volunteers supported Team TAFB by sorting, weighing, packaging and delivering food, teaching and volunteering in various learning programs.

## 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 2016</b>
Individuals		3,338,000
Corporate		1,142,000
Foundations		1,962,000
Special Events (net)		259,000
<b>Total Public Support</b>		<b>\$ 6,701,000</b>
<b>Donated Food and Commodities</b>		<b>\$ 49,433,000</b>
<b>Government Grants</b>		
Children's Programs		1,108,000
Feeding Programs		649,000
Outreach and Education		565,000
<b>Total Government Grants</b>		<b>\$ 2,322,000</b>
<b>Revenues</b>		
Handling Fees		1,910,000
Investment Income		96,000
Royalties and Other		32,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$ 2,038,000</b>
<b>Total Support and Revenues</b>		<b>\$ 60,494,000</b>





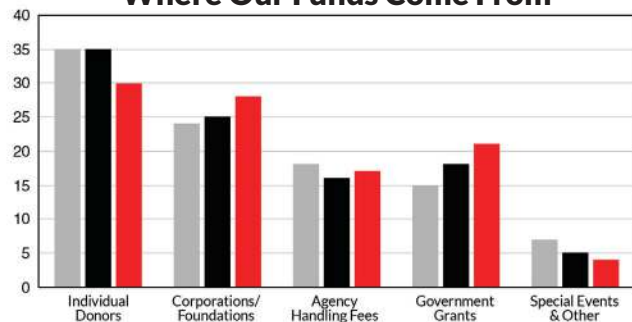
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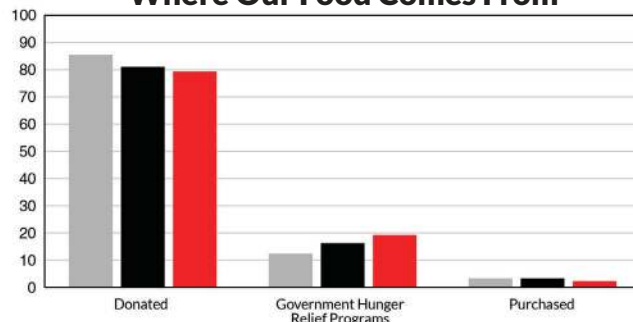
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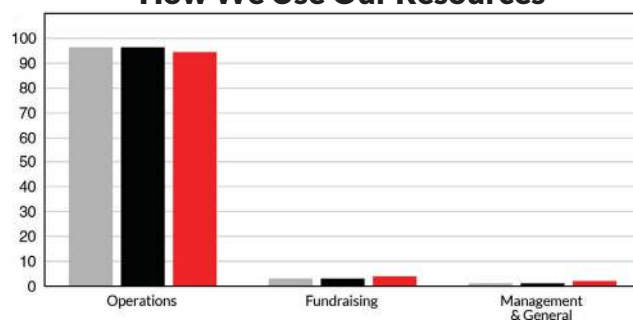
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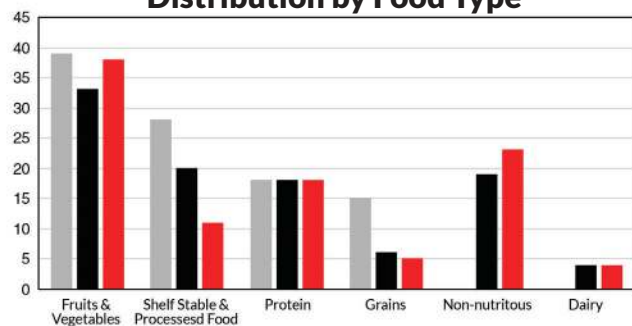
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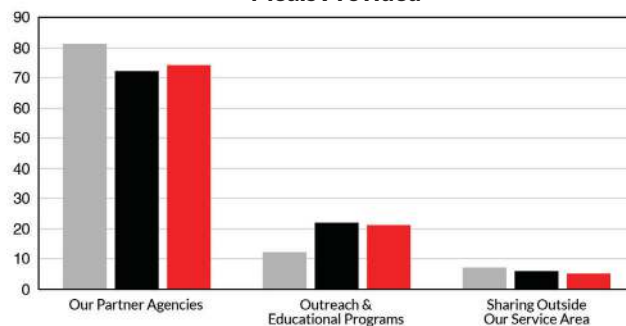
## How We Use Our Resources



## Distribution by Food Type



## Meals Provided



# TARRANT AREA FOOD BANK

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2015-2016

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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.