FEEDBACK

News from Tarrant Area Food Bank
Holiday 2026



"IT HELPS A LOT, BELIEVE ME."

Thanks to you, Melodie's family will have a full cupboard, and full hearts, this holiday season.

As the mother of four girls, including a young teen with Down syndrome, Melodie's hands are full. She's the kind of mom who would do anything for her kids. Her life can be measured by the love and sacrifice she's devoted to each one of them ever since they were born.

However, as a full-time caretaker, meeting the needs of her girls has certainly grown more challenging. "The price of everything is going up every month," Melodie says. "You go, you spend $100, and it's only enough for two or three days of food."

Melodie's brother, a construction worker, has also been staying with the family for a couple months. "The girls love it when he comes over," she says, but he's also another mouth to feed. Of course, family is always welcome. But even though she watches her budget carefully, Melodie is like so many others across the Lone Star State, struggling to consistently put food on the table.

Your Support Ensures Melodie's Family Has Nourishing Food

That's why she's grateful for the Tarrant Area Food Bank — and for caring friends like you who ensure their neighbors facing hunger have meals and groceries to bring home.

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THANKSGIVING, OUR LARGEST EVENT!

Every year at this time, Tarrant Area Food Bank holds its Annual Thanksgiving Mega Mobile Market. While this year's won't be fully tabulated for some time, last year's was our largest food distribution event of the entire year, and we expect this year's will continue the trend.

More than 5,000 families received turkeys or chickens, fresh produce, shelf-stable items, and non-perishables for their Thanksgiving and holiday season meals.

The equivalent of 250,000 meals were served!

The market, held in collaboration with the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic and some of our community partners, is a tradition we hope to keep going for decades to come.

Life-changing events like these are made possible by generous friends like you who choose to care for your neighbors facing hunger. Thank you for your compassion, and for making the holidays more joyful for those facing food insecurity.



TWICE THE IMPACT!



Thanks to a generous matching gift from Albertsons/Tom Thumb and the Beaumont Foundation, all holiday season donations will double — up to $300,000!

Every $1 you give now will go 2X as far, providing enough food for 10 meals! Think of how many children, families, and seniors you can help during this season.

All across Texas, folks are feeling the pinch, especially at the grocery store. Nobody deserves to face the holidays fearing there won't be enough to eat. That's why your gift today is so vital, when it can help twice as many households. Your generosity can make all the difference alleviating hunger and improving health in our community.

So please don't wait. Along with providing meals, your generous gift today will also serve up heaping helpings of comfort and joy this holiday season. Thank you!

HOLIDAY MEALS AND JOY

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When times get tough, Melodie visits one of TAFB's partner agencies. She says, "It helps a lot, believe me, especially the canned goods, because they're kind of pricey at the store. They fill up my cabinet."



This holiday season, Melodie's family will have everything they need to celebrate, thanks to good friends like you. You're not just helping to put food on the table but also providing families with the hope and joy of the holidays.

BRENT IS GRATEFUL HE CAN COUNT ON YOU

Brent spent much of his adult life crunching numbers as an accountant. But he never planned on becoming a statistic himself.

In our service area, about 1 in 5 seniors regularly face hunger. For retirees like Brent and his wife, who live on a tight fixed income, keeping the fridge and pantry stocked can be a challenge. “The prices just keep increasing,” Brent says. Money doesn’t go as far.

Thankfully, caring friends like you have compassion for neighbors like Brent. Your generous support makes it possible for him and thousands of other local seniors to access the food they need at TAFB’s many partner agencies. That nourishment plays a vital role in helping them make it to the end of the month while covering other bills.

Programs and Support Offer Stability

In addition to local distributions, initiatives like TAFB’s Senior Share Initiative allow for qualifying seniors (ages 60 and older) to receive a monthly box of USDA food. This includes shelf-stable items such as canned



Brent is among the 1 in 5 seniors in our community who regularly face hunger.

fruits and vegetables, cereal, canned meats, and juice, plus cheese.

Brent regularly visits a TAFB food distribution at his local community center. He actually found out about this resource when he came to take classes. He’s very grateful for the chance to take home a box of nutritious food.

“It’s really good,” Brent says. “It’s fresh, and we like it all. Thank you!”

Thanks to your kindness, Brent, his wife, and other seniors have access to the food they need. Your support gives them not just nutrition but much-needed hope, too!



BUILD A LEGACY THAT NOURISHES NORTH TEXAS FOR GENERATIONS

The Tarrant Area Food Bank Endowment Fund was established to strengthen the long-term financial sustainability of our mission. Gifts to the Endowment generate annual income to ensure we can adapt to the needs of our ever-evolving community. Earnings help support critical programs, strengthen community partners, invest in facilities, and advance new solutions to hunger in North Texas.

One meaningful way to strengthen the Endowment is through a legacy gift. By including TAFB in your will or living trust (or making a gift outright), you help nourish neighbors and strengthen our community for generations to come. You’ll also be welcomed into TAFB’s President’s Circle, a special community of donors who share your passion to end hunger in North Texas.

To learn more about the Tarrant Area Food Bank Endowment Fund, President’s Circle, or including TAFB in your estate plans, please contact Chief External Affairs Officer Stephen Raeside at 817-857-7125 or stephen.raeside@tafb.org.

LETTER FROM JULIE

Dear Caring Friend,

As you read this special holiday edition of Feedback, I hope you're encouraged. Because of caring friends like you, more of our North Texas neighbors will have food on the table this holiday season. More than that, they'll have stronger hope and deep joy.

That's what happens when we gather for a shared meal. It's not just the good food, but the laughter, the stories, and the time together that make it special.

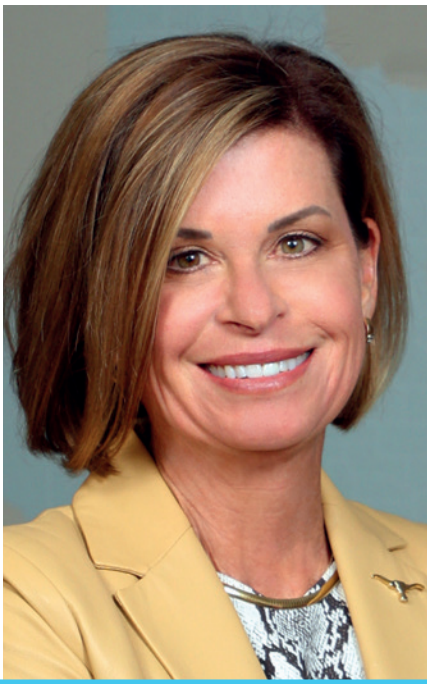
Right now, you can help spread even more joy thanks to a $300,000 holiday matching gift from our wonderful partners Albertsons/Tom Thumb and the Beaumont Foundation. Every $1 will double to provide 10 meals for children, families, and individuals to take home.

I also invite you to consider a legacy gift or contribution to Tarrant Area Food Bank's Endowment Fund to help ensure our mission remains strong and our neighbors have access to nutritious food for generations to come. Your commitment to the Endowment welcomes you into our President's Circle, a special community of donors investing in the long-term strength and sustainability of TAFB's mission.

However you can continue to help, please know that your partnership will help more of our neighbors have the nourishing food they deserve during this special time of year. Thank you for your kindness.

Happy Holidays,

Julie Butner
President & CEO



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When Roland retired after 22 years as facility director at a Methodist church, he wanted to keep busy. He remembers telling his wife, "I really need to find something to do." So Roland swung by the North Texas Community Food Pantry and asked if they needed volunteers. "That started the whole thing," says Roland, who serves by sorting food and filling carts for folks who rely on the pantry, a TAFB partner agency. "We're grateful for what we receive from the food bank. When our supplies are running low, they never fail us."

Roland hopes that whoever's reading this will also consider getting involved. "If your thing is to give back and help others, this is the place to be. They're great people to work with."

Volunteer with us! Learn more at tafb.org/volunteer.

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*If you or someone you know needs help securing food, please visit tafb.org and click "Find Food" or call **817-857-7100** today.*

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