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Fighting Hunger Since 1989

2016-2017 Fiscal Year Report

Mission Statement

To alleviate hunger in South Texas by collecting and distributing food through partner agencies and programs while creating awareness and educating the community on the realities of hunger.

To fulfill this mission, the South Texas Food Bank will:

- Solicit adequate funding, services, and surplus/donated goods from donors;
- Judiciously warehouse and distribute goods through its Member Agencies;
- Create and administer programs that alleviate hunger in our service area;
- Promote public education on the nature of, and solutions to, the problems of domestic hunger;
- Develop strong partnerships with community leaders and organizations, both within and outside our service area;
- Foster relationships with Feeding America, Feeding Texas, Texas Department of Agriculture, and the United States Department of Agriculture and any other agency or individual with a similar mission.



Service Area

The South Texas Food Bank is a 501-C-3 non profit organization headquartered in Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

We service eight counties in South Texas: **Val Verde, Kinney, Maverick, Dimmit, Webb, Zapata, Jim Hogg, and Starr.** We are strategically situated about midway between these counties that stretch 300 miles—180 miles northwest and 100 miles southeast along the Rio Grande River.



14,023 TOTAL SQ. MILES!

Who we serve

The South Texas Food Bank distributes food to:

- Families
- Children
- Seniors
- People with disabilities/special needs
- Any person who is financially struggling and is food insecure.

Service Area Poverty Statistics

County	Poverty Rate (%)
Dimmit	25.0
Jim Hogg	22.5
Kinney	21.0
Maverick	26.5
Starr	35.4
Val Verde	22.2
Webb	32.3
Zapata	32.6

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

2016-17 STFB Board

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Programs: *Pantries*

Our principal means of distributing food to needy families, is through our partner food pantries and agencies. **In the fiscal year 2016-17, the food bank worked with 80 agencies located throughout the eight county service area.**

Food for this program comes from Federal grants such as TEFAP and TANF, corporate food donations, private food and money donations & food drives. About 65% of all the food we distribute passes through our agen-



In FY 2016-17, The South Texas Food Bank served an average of 28,000 families per month and distributed 10.9 million pounds throughout its eight service area counties .

Programs: *TEFAP & TANF* (*Emergency Assistance*)



The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), is a program mostly sponsored by the United States Dept. of Agriculture (USDA). The Texas Department of Agriculture administers this program for the USDA. The food bank provides a supple-

mentary food bag to all those who come in to the food bank requesting emergency food assistance. Approximately 35 – 45 pounds of food are given to walk-in clients. Essential non-perishable items such as canned goods, pastas, bread and cereals are provided to individuals or families dealing with a food emergency. Produce and meat (when available) may also be provided. Due to the high volume of emergency assistance clients, additional funds are needed to supplement this program on a monthly basis.

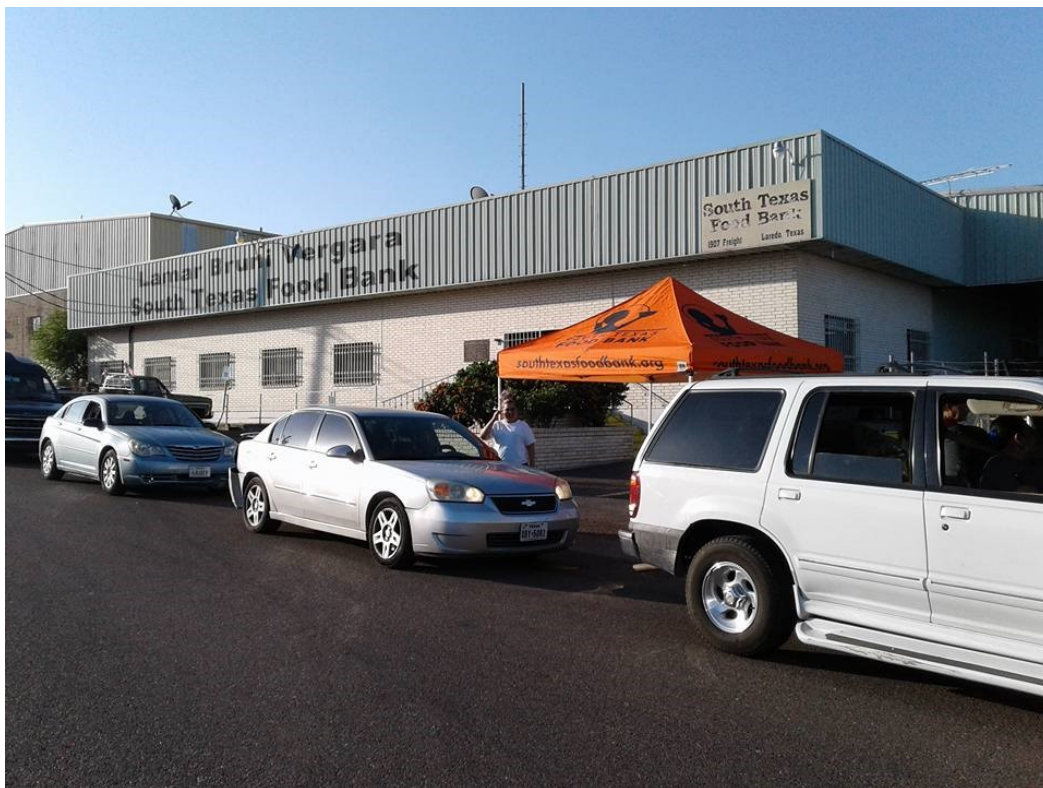
TANF, or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, has two components one of which requires children in the household. The program is administered by the Texas Food Bank Network under contract with the USDA. Participants in both programs must be able to demonstrate a financial need and must be residents of the State of Texas in order to receive this food. Participants going to the pantries receive the food free of charge.

Programs: *Adopt-A-Family*

The Adopt-A-Family program allows the community to actively participate in addressing the hunger problem that exists in our community by sponsoring or adopting a family for \$120.00 per year.

The donation helps in defraying the cost of distributing a 40 to 45 lb. box of food once a month for one year to a needy family. This box includes fresh produce and meat products.

In FY 2016-2017, the program served an average of 530 per month and distributed a total 6,335 boxes of food.



Programs: *Commodity Supplement Food Program*



The Commodity Supplemental Food Program, better known as CSFP, is a federally funded program, and is administered at the federal level by the Food and Nutrition Service, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The objective of the program is to improve the health of elderly people at least 60 years of age by supplementing their diets with nutritious USDA commodity foods.

The USDA provides food and administrative funds to States to supplement the diets of these groups. The State contracts local food banks, which then determine the eligibility of applicants, distribute the foods, and provide nutrition education. Program recipients receive a grocery bag of supplemental food every month of the year.

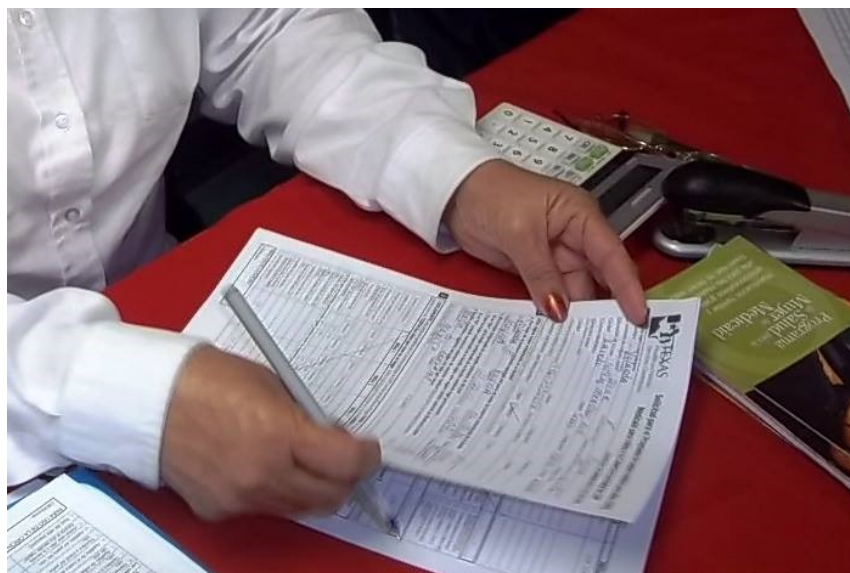
The South Texas Food Bank was able to assist an average of 9,530 elderly clients per month through the CSFP in FY 2016-17.

Programs: *SNAP*



Through our SNAP Outreach program, the Food Bank goes throughout our service area and assists eligible citizens apply for State and Federal assistance programs such as food stamps, Medicaid, CHIP, TANF and others using the State online portal.

In FY 2016-17, the food bank's SNAP Outreach Department helped process 1,143 applications.



Programs: *Kids Cafes*



Kid's Café is a Feeding America sanctioned after school feeding program for children ages 17 and under. The program offers a warm meal five days a week at various sites at no charge. Some of the food is prepared by our agency/partner, Bethany House and by the Laredo Job Corp's Culinary Dept. Some Kid's Cafes prepare their food on site.

The majority of the children who participate in the program are children who are "food insecure". Food insecurity means that the families are not always sure if they will have sufficient food in their household on any given day.

Besides providing a safe environment, our Kid's Cafes also provide computers, tutoring and recreational activities. A well fed child is more likely to do better in school than one who is hungry.

During FY 2016-17, an average of 1,600 children were served on a monthly basis.

Kids Café Locations

Kids Cafes	Address	City	County	Sponsors
Boy's & Girl's Club- Benavides	500 Moctezuma	Laredo	Webb	Various
Boy's & Girl's Club- Los Presidentes	3900 Los Presidentes	Laredo	Webb	Various
Boy's and Girl's Club- N. West	4500 Santa Maria	Laredo	Webb	Various
Larga Vista Community Center	5401 Larga Vista Dr.	Laredo	Webb	Various
LHA Meadow Acres Com. Center	1641 Elm	Laredo	Webb	City of Laredo
LHA Ana Lozano Community Center	6500 Springfield	Laredo	Webb	City of Laredo
LHA Russell Terrace Com. Center	500 Richter	Laredo	Webb	City of Laredo
LHA Guadalupe Community Center	2000 San Francisco	Laredo	Webb	City of Laredo
LHA South Laredo Com. Center	3501 S. Arkansas	Laredo	Webb	City of Laredo
LHA Carlos Richter Com. Center	1600 Circle Dr.	Laredo	Webb	City of Laredo
Rosemont at Laredo Vista	5606 St. David Ln,	Laredo	Webb	City of Laredo
Rio Bravo Community Center	1600 Orquidia	Rio Bravo	Webb	Webb County
El Cenizo Community Center	3519 Cecilia	El Cenizo	Webb	Webb County
Bruni Community Center	3030E. 12 th St.	Bruni	Webb	Webb County
Ernesto Salinas Community Center	917 N. Main St.	Mirando City	Webb	Webb County
Seco Mines Community Center	2989 Sanchez Ave	Eagle Pass	Maverick	Carrizo Spgs
Boys and Girls Club- Zapata	302 W. 6 th Ave	Zapata	Zapata	*
Arturo Benavides Elementary School		San Ygnacio	Zapata	*

*Guadalupe & Lilia Martinez Foundation & Zapata County



Program: BackPack Program

The mission of the Backpack Program is to help alleviate child hunger by providing hungry children with nutritious and easy to prepare food at times when other resources are not available.

The backpacks are filled with nutritious, easy-to-open food that does not require stove-top cooking. The typical backpack contains a variety of food usually including a source of protein and juices.

Current participating sites are: Zapata, San Ygnacio, Larga Vista and the Laredo Housing Authority sites.

During FY 2016-17, an average of 330 children were served on a monthly basis through this program.



2016-17 Program Service Reports

FY Totals

Program: Adopt-A-Family	
Clients on File/Served	530/Monthly Avg.
Distribution (Lbs.)	234,900

Program: BackPack	
Children Served	330/Monthly
Distribution (Lbs.)	62,843

Program: CSFP	
Clients on File/Served	9,530

Program: Emergency Bags (Walk-Ins)	
Applications Processed	1,844
Adults	3,167
Children	2,696

Program: SNAP	
Applications Processed	1,143

2016-17 Program Service Reports

FY Totals

Program: Kids Café (19 Sites)	
Children Served	1,600/Monthly
Distribution (Lbs.)	194,689

Program: Pantries*	
Families	318,568

Overall Total	Million
Distribution (Lbs.)	10,898,987



Donation Program: Ranchers for the Hungry



Laredo and area ranchers and hunters continue to step up to the plate in providing fresh steer and deer meat to the Food Bank in our mission of feeding the hungry. This meat is made available to our Adopt-A-Family, Kid's Café and Food Pantries.

In the FY 2016-17, 11,090 lbs. of meat were donated to the Ranchers for the Hungry Program.



Volunteers

One program that has a direct impact on the ability of the South Texas Food Bank to accomplish its mission of fighting hunger is the volunteer program.

The contribution made by our volunteers and interns is crucial in getting assistance to those who need it most.

In FY 2016-17, 72,761.28 hours were donated to the food bank by individuals and organizations.

In addition to sorting, processing and packing of donated product, volunteers assisted in the delivery and distribution of food bags, administrative and clerical duties, as well as assisting in events and fundraisers.



Events



- ♦ National Hunger & Homelessness Week Distribution
- ♦ MLK Service Day
- ♦ 3rd Annual Strike Out Hunger Bowling Tournament
- ♦ Annual STFB Member Agency Conference
- ♦ NALC Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive
- ♦ Shred for Hunger sponsored by Shred-It and Gray Television
- ♦ Volunteer Appreciation BBQ
- ♦ H.E.B. Help End Hunger Campaign
- ♦ STFB Empty Bowls XI Featuring Los Lonely Boys



2016-17 Lead Hunger Partners

From October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017, the following Lead Hunger Partners made aggregate contributions or commitments of \$5,000 or more and/or donated 1 million pounds or more of food and products. Thank you to these individuals, businesses and organizations for investing in the fight against hunger in South Texas.



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