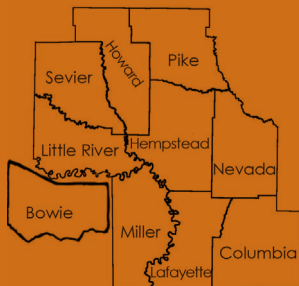


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HARVEST RECEIVES HIGH MARKS IN FOOD BANKING

“Most of the community knows about the hunger relief provided by Harvest Regional Food Bank,” according to Camille Wrinkle, Executive Director of Harvest Regional Food Bank. “What they may not realize is how much goes on behind the scenes to make sure we have the highest standards in the way we provide it to those we serve.” Harvest recently completed two strenuous inspections to ensure the highest standards in food safety are in practice. AIB International is a national leader in Food Safety Standards for food manufacturers, restaurants and food banks. Every two years, Harvest undergoes an in-depth audit of food safety practices, including an inspection of our facilities, fleet and records to prove day to day compliance of food safety standards. In December 2017, Harvest scored a 930 out of 1000 in its AIB Audit of those standards.

Then, in January, Harvest was visited by Feeding America. While Harvest is a member of this vast network of Food Banks, membership requires a high level of operations in every sector of food banking. Every 18-24 months, Harvest undergoes an audit of areas that include: Programs, Agency Relations, Warehouse Safety, Inventory & Distribution, Financial Stability and Fundraising. Harvest Regional Food Bank was pleased to receive praise for efficiency in fundraising and getting food into the community. We were especially proud to receive praise for making “wise investments with our funding that have led to improvements in our facility and increases in our food.”

We invite you or your group to come visit us and see our operations, for yourself!



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LETTER FROM THE CEO

Dear Friends,

Here at Harvest Regional Food Bank, we are celebrating another year of providing relief to thousands of hungry families throughout Southwest Arkansas and Northeast Texas. Along with our partnering pantries, schools and other organizations, we were able to distribute over 3 million meals to our ten county service area, reaching over 50,000 food insecure individuals. That's a lot of meals, and a lot families in need.

Harvest has worked hard to end hunger and we are very proud of the progress we've made. The food insecurity rate of our service area has dropped from being in the mid-twenties to 21%. And the number of food insecure individuals has dropped from 60,000 a few years ago, to 53,000. But while we celebrate the strides we've made, we have much work to do. One hungry family is too many. One hungry child is too many, and there are nearly 17,000 children considered "food insecure" in Southwest Arkansas and Northeast Texas.

Most people do not realize the magnitude of hunger right here in front of us, right in our own communities. Chances are you work, go to school or worship with someone on the brink of hunger. Nearly 1,000 children continue to be reached through our Backpack programs and as the summer months approach, even more children will be impacted by hunger because they no longer have access to free lunch and breakfast.

With the holidays behind us, we all go back to our busy daily routines and it's easy to forget about those who continue to struggle with hunger. Please remember, "Hunger doesn't have a season" and we need everyone pulling together to help solve the problem of food insecurity in Southwest Arkansas and Northeast Texas.

Thank you for your support and for helping your neighbors in Southwest Arkansas and Northeast Texas.

Sincerely,

Camille Coker Wrinkle
CEO/Executive Director

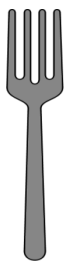


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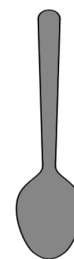
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TUESDAY
October 23
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Presented by
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HARVESTER'S CLUB SPOTLIGHT: PHILLIPS REFRIGERATION, INC.

Three meals a day. It's something that many of us take for granted. But for many of our neighbors, three meals a day is out of reach. Working in partnerships is crucial in fulfilling our mission to alleviate hunger in Southwest Arkansas and Northeast Texas possible. One of our special partners, Phillips Refrigeration, Inc., is supporting the Food Bank as a Harvester's Club Partner. Harvester Club members contribute to the Food Bank's signature events in addition to choosing specific hunger relief programs to support.

Phillips Refrigeration, Inc. has made a commitment of their time and money to help give people access to a better life. "Harvest Regional Food Bank made me aware that there are many people going to bed hungry every night, including children, right here in our community," says Phillips Refrigeration, Inc. owner John Phillips.



"I was surprised at the scope of their operations. With outstanding leadership and with the help of numerous community volunteers, Harvest is really making an impact in preventing hunger not only locally but in a 10 county area in Northeast Texas and Southwest Arkansas."

Phillips Refrigeration, Inc. has been a friend and partner of the Food Bank for several years, supporting our new cooler in 2016 and a new freezer in 2018, along with many of our programs such as Food Rescue, Mobile Pantry and Backpack for Kids. "We are so impressed with how efficiently Harvest is managed and I'm very happy to support its efforts," says Phillips.

Harvest Regional Food Bank is grateful for the continued friendship and support of Phillips Refrigeration, Inc. We thank them for playing an integral role in advancing the Food Bank's mission to create a hunger-free community.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT:

(GIFTS FROM OCTOBER 1, 2017 - MARCH 1, 2018)

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