

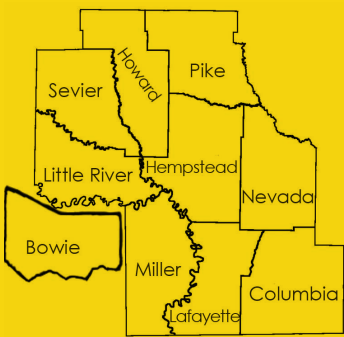
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NEWSLETTER

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NEW TRUCK HELPS HARVEST REACH MORE FAMILIES

Harvest Regional Food Bank recently unveiled a new, state-of-the-art refrigerated truck that will allow the Food Bank to provide more fresh and frozen foods to hungry families in Southwest Arkansas and Northeast Texas. The newest addition to Harvest's hunger relief fleet is a 2017 HINO 26-foot commercial refrigerated truck.

Thanks to a grant of \$117,000 from the Walmart Foundation, the additional truck will increase the Food Bank's capacity to receive and distribute frozen and perishable foods. "The heart of what we do each day is providing hunger relief to food insecure families, children and seniors," said Camille Coker Wrinkle, CEO of Harvest Regional Food Bank. "Our ability to provide that relief is directly tied to the amount of food we can safely accept and then deliver to those in need."

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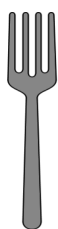
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An unveiling was held at the Food Bank with Rush Trucking Representatives, Harvest Board Members and supporters, and Walmart Representatives, along with several media representatives. The addition of a refrigerated commercial truck allows Harvest to increase fresh, nutritious food donations and, as a result, increase the number of nutritious meals provided to those who need it most, especially in rural and underserved areas.

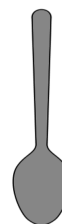
"At the Walmart Foundation, we understand that organizations such as Harvest Regional Food Bank are essential to building stronger communities. They share our values and are committed to helping low-income, food insecure families in need live better," said Walmart Foundation Representatives. "Through this donation, we are hopeful that residents in Southwest Arkansas and Northeast Texas will receive enough hunger relief to close the meal gap in this ten county area."

Walmart has not only contributed to the Food Bank financially but also supports us their food donation program. This year alone, area Walmart stores have provided us with over 1.5 million pounds of food product that equals 1.25 million meals. "Harvest Regional Food Bank is truly grateful to Walmart and the Walmart Foundation for equipping us with the tools to stay proactive as we expand our reach and close the meal gap for those we serve."



TUESDAY
October 17
5pm - 8pm

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Voted one of the top 5 Best Charity Events in Texarkana, Taste of Texarkana brings many local top restaurants and vendors to the Four States Fairgrounds to showcase their culinary cuisine for over 1,500 guests.

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AGENCY SPOTLIGHT: THE STEWPOT

The Stewpot, an outreach ministry of First United Methodist Church of Magnolia, AR, regularly feeds thousands of individuals and families each year. This program has been

serving hot meals to those in need for over 33 years and relies heavily on both volunteers and private donations.

In 1983, Dorothy Edwards founded the charity as part of the FUMC Mission Outreach Committee. Valerie Sanders presently chairs the ministry on a volunteer basis with two paid cooks, George and Libby Gilbert, that help prepare meals during the Stewpot's operational hours of 4-5:30 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

"An average serving day for us lately has been 200-300 meals. There were 6,500 meals served in the first year of the program and in 2016 we served 27,800 meals to about 8,976 family units. Of those served, 23.7 percent

were children. We suspect that most of the clients could be mentally or physically unable to prepare food themselves, or they are from food insecure households. They could also be those with no cooking appliances or have no utility services in the home. I know a few who are homeless," said Sanders.

The Stewpot also has a program for local hunters to donate venison as part of the Hunters for the Hungry program. A hunter may bring a deer from one of two participating, government certified meat processors — C & C Packing Co. in Stamps or Tim's Custom Meat in Prescott — to donate any or all of their venison to The Stewpot. In return, the hunter will receive a discounted processing rate. Each year, the program provides the kitchen with hundreds of pounds of much-needed meat.

"Dorothy Edwards had a dream to feed those who were hungry in her community," said Sanders. "I think Ms. Dorothy is proud of us carrying on her work. The Stewpot's vision statement has always been simple. As Matthew 25:35 states, 'When you feed others, you are feeding Christ. For I was hungry, and you gave me food.'"

We applaud The Stewpot on their impact initiatives.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: RYAN SATTERFIELD, WAREHOUSE AND DISTRIBUTION MANAGER



Ryan Satterfield began his work with Harvest Regional Food Bank in 2013. Starting out as a warehouse assistant, Ryan was promoted to warehouse associate and was recently named Warehouse and Distribution Manager. In this role, Ryan is in charge of scheduling agencies to pick up

food, making sure orders are filled, and ensuring food donations are properly received and stored. Ryan is also the lead team member for warehouse safety.

What does a typical day look like? "Very busy to say the least," According to Ryan. "We usually make 2-3 deliveries in or out of town, agencies are coming in for most of the day and there a lot of calls. At the end of the day we clean and try to get ready for the upcoming day."

Like most of the Harvest Team, Ryan enjoys contributing to the mission of alleviating hunger. "My favorite part of my job is communicating with our agencies and being able to help someone in need. Also the guys in the warehouse are great and there's never a dull moment!"

It's no secret here at the food bank how Ryan spends much of his time away from the Food Bank: Fishing.

"If I'm not at church or with family, I'm fishing," According to Ryan. "I can blame my Dad for making me that way...if I'm not at the lake, I think I might be missing something."

Congratulations to Ryan in his new role here at Harvest Regional Food Bank. We're lucky to have team members like him, making our hunger relief possible.





Letter from the CEO

Dear Friends,

2017 started out with a bang and it's hard to believe it is almost summer. While we are already going strong with our hunger relief efforts for 2017, we don't want to lose sight of where we've been. We were fortunate to reach more families, children and seniors in 2016, than ever before. And we were blessed to receive enough support to equip ourselves with the tools needed to make an even greater impact in 2017.

Over the past year, nearly 1,000 children were reached through our Backpack and summer meals programs. These are children who might otherwise go hungry on days when there's no access to school provided breakfasts and lunch. We were able to bring hunger relief to rural, underserved areas through our mobile pantry program, going from 8 in 2014 to 15 in 2015 to 26 in 2016. And, through a Feeding America produce program, we were able to increase the amount of our fresh vegetables and fruits, to 25% of the total foods we provided.

While we have much to be proud of, there are just as many people to be thankful for. First and foremost, I am so proud of the work that our own staff puts into ending hunger in Southwest Arkansas and Northeast Texas. Whether it's forming relationships with food donors, bringing food to struggling families in rural areas, or making sure the warehouse and fleet run efficiently, everyone plays an important role. But we don't do it alone. It also takes over 75 partnering pantries, shelters and soup kitchens, working with us to reach an area of over 60,000 food insecure people. It takes countless volunteers, at the Food Bank and in the community. And it takes the support of friends like you.

Together, this Harvest "team" was able to provide over 3.2 million meals to our neighbors struggling with food insecurity. This only proves that together, we CAN solve hunger!

Thank you again for your support,

Camille Coker Wrinkle,
CEO/Executive Director



HUNGER HERO: EMPLOYEES OF DOMTAR — ASHDOWN MILL

In the summer of 2014, Harvest Regional Food Bank was approached about bringing our Backpack for Kids Program to grades K-5 of the Ashdown School District. With the program already existing in over 20 elementary campuses in our service area, Harvest began reaching out to the local business community for support. It was the Domtar — Ashdown Mill Employees who became our champion. In addition to their financial support of childhood hunger relief, Domtar management and employee teams volunteer throughout the year at the Food Bank.

“What makes their support even more meaningful, is that it comes from their employees,” said Camille Wrinkle, Executive Director. “Department by department, they pull together to make sure children in Little River County as well as other counties, have food to take home over the weekend.” In the past two years alone, the employees of Domtar — Ashdown Mill have donated over \$13,000 to support the Backpack program. Because of their most recent donation, Harvest Regional Food Bank was able to add the elementary campuses in Foreman, AR to this childhood hunger program. This past year, the Employees of DOMTAR — ASHDOWN MILL were recognized at both the local, and the state level. DOMTAR — Ashdown employees recieved Harvest Regional Food Bank’s “Hunger Hero Award” at the annual Hunger Action Month Luncheon, and were also given the “Acting Out Against Hunger” award during the statewide Hunger Breakfast, hosted by the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance.



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THANK YOU TO OUR HARVESTER'S CLUB PARTNERS

To find out how you or your business can become part of the Harvester's Club, please call us at 870-774-1398.

Mr. and Dr. Minhly Gaylor



A woman with blonde hair tied back, wearing a blue shirt, stands behind two children. A girl in a purple shirt is in the foreground, and a boy in a colorful tie-dye shirt is to her right. They are all smiling in an outdoor setting with trees in the background.

Harvest Regional Food Bank reaches more than
60,000
FOOD-INSECURE
INDIVIDUALS.

That's more than
16,000
INDIVIDUALS
SERVED EACH MONTH.

A young girl with dark, curly hair, wearing a purple and black striped shirt, is smiling and holding a red apple with both hands. In the background, a person's hand is visible holding a green pepper, and there are other vegetables on a table.

Nearly
25%

of the individuals
served by the
Food Bank are
**children under
the age of 18.**


25,200
BACKPACKS
were distributed.

NOURISHING OUR NEIGHBORS...

Harvest Regional Food Bank works closely with hundreds of volunteers, donors and corporate partners to fulfill our critical mission.

A senior woman with short brown hair, wearing sunglasses and a blue jacket over a patterned shirt, is holding a red apple. She is standing outdoors in front of a green and white mobile pantry.

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WE SERVE AT
HARVEST REGIONAL
FOOD BANK IS
A SENIOR.

A woman in a pink hoodie and purple pants is pushing a stroller with a child inside. They are standing in front of a green and white mobile pantry. Other people are visible in the background.

250,000
pounds
of food were distributed
through Mobile Pantries
in 2016.

BUILDING HUNGER-FREE COMMUNITIES...

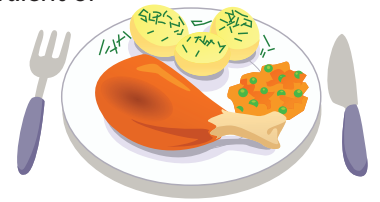
Last year Harvest Regional Food Bank distributed more than

3.5
MILLION
POUNDS
OF FOOD



Which is the equivalent of

3.2
MILLION MEALS



We don't fulfill our mission alone. We count on our volunteers, who gave

3,962 HOURS



And we rely on a vast network of

75 PARTNER
AGENCIES



in addition to the direct programs we offer at our campus and at various locations.

Our Partner Agencies are spread across our **10** COUNTY SERVICE AREA

and include meal programs, pantries, shelters, religious groups and a variety of other organizations.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Harvest Regional Food Bank always has a place for volunteers! If you would like to volunteer, we have a variety of opportunities for groups ranging from one or two people to more than twenty. For more information or to be added to the volunteer schedule, call 870-774-1398 or email development@hrfb.org.

WINE & JAZZ 2017

On April 21st, Community members joined together at the Silvermoon Event Center, for Harvest Regional Food Bank's annual Wine & Jazz gala to help fight hunger. Guests dined on gourmet dishes and wine pairings, prepared by Chefs Jennifer Tanner - Julie's Deli, Bri and Staley James - Twisted Fork, Pam Elliot - Texarkana Country Club & Northridge, and Bobby Duhon - Lagniappe Meat Company. Live music was provided by Candace Taylor & Trio, and new this year was the addition of a "live painting" done during the festivities and auctioned at the end of the night. Wine & Jazz raised approximately \$50,000 to support hunger relief programs throughout our region.



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Texas Rural Communities — \$3,100, Childhood Hunger Relief
Wells Fargo — \$1,000, for program support
Albertsons "Hunger Is Grant" — \$5,000, Hunger Relief
C&S Backpack Grant through Feeding America — \$39,000,
Backpack for Kids Support
Walmart State Giving — \$117,000, to support addition of
Refrigerated Truck
United Way of Greater Texarkana — \$24,200, for Backpack Support
United Way of Greater Texarkana — \$17,600
Ledwell & Son Enterprises, Inc. — \$7,500, for program support
Minhly & Aaron Gaylor — \$5,000, for program support
TEXAR FCU — \$6,500, for program support
Eagle Cutting & Supply — \$4,186, for program support
Bonanza Creek Energy — \$3,500, for program support
United Way of Hempstead County — \$3,150, for program support

AEP/SWEPCO — \$2,500, for program support
Kohl's Corporate Giving — \$2,500, for program support
Arkansas Community Foundation — \$2,000, for Backpack Support
Floyd Capital Management — \$2000, for program support
Riggs Employee Fund — \$2000, for program support
Wholesale Electric Supply Co. — \$1500, for program support
Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. — \$1500, for program support
Crocker's Fine Jewelry — \$1200, for program support
The Woodforest Charitable Foundation — \$1200, for program support
Farmers Bank & Trust — \$1100, for program support
Thomson Proprietorship — \$1000, for program support
Barry Insurance — \$1000, for program support
Texarkana International Rotary — \$1000, for program support
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State Bank of Dekalb — \$1000, for program support