

2019 FALL
NEWSLETTER

THE DISH HARVEST

REGIONAL FOOD BANK

COUNTIES SERVED



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HARVEST PARTNERS WITH AREA SCHOOL TO PILOT NEW PROGRAM

For several years, Harvest Regional Food Bank has provided elementary aged children with nutritious foods to supplement their diets from Friday afternoon through Monday morning. Since beginning the Backpack Food For Kids program, the number of children reached has grown to nearly 1,000 students throughout the ten county area. “While we were extremely proud to reach so many young students with our Backpack Program, we had long hoped for the chance to establish something for older children,” according to Camille Wrinkle, Executive Director. “Our backpack program uses all child friendly, easy to open, serving sized foods, while a student pantry provides full sized items, like pastas, box meals, canned vegetables and fruits, and boxes of cereal.”

The opportunity to set up a school pantry finally came with a phone call from Crystal Evans, counselor and pantry coordinator at Nashville High School. “I had heard about Harvest Food Bank’s



Backpack Program and I knew we had the same need for our students,” recalls Evans. What started as a call about setting up a Backpack program for the entire school district, grew into a Backpack program for Elementary and Middle School, and a School Pantry for the upper level campuses. “At the junior high and high school, we had been providing what we could on our own,” according to Andrea Pinegar, special education teacher and pantry coordinator. “But partnering with Harvest has really allowed us to do so much more for these students.”

A grant from Tyson Foods, along with donations from the Nashville community, have allowed Harvest to provide students with a variety of foods to choose from, at the “Scrapper Market” (named after the Nashville’s school mascot). Harvest is proud to add Nashville Schools as a new partner in the fight against childhood hunger.



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL TASTE OF TEXARKANA

WELCOME to



The 2019 Taste of Texarkana was another successful night for Harvest Regional Food Bank. Over 1,600 guests gathered to sample delicious foods from over 40 restaurants, caterers, and beverage providers. Awards were given to various vendors in several categories. **Winners included:**

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| Best Dessert | Julie's Deli |
| Crowd Favorite | Eagle Distributing |
| Best Spread | Cornerstone Retirement Community |
| Rookie of the Year | Walk-On's Bistreaux & Bar |
| Best in Show | LEISD Culinary |
| Harvester's Pick | Tacos 4 Life |
| Best Spirit | Jam Confections |
| Best Theme | Blue Water Bayou |
| Best of Taste | Naaman's BBQ |



BENEFITING:



We would like to give special thanks to our Presenting Sponsor, Dr. Ly and Aaron Gaylor along with our other generous sponsors, as well as the Texarkana Regional Correction Center, for providing volunteers to set up and break down the event.

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Dr. Ly & Aaron Gaylor

SPONSORED BY:



OTHER HAPPENINGS:

These are just a few of the recent events to support the mission and hunger relief programs at Harvest Regional Food Bank.



Red Nose Fund supports Harvest with \$10,000 for Child Hunger, in celebration of Red Nose Day on May 24th.



The National Association of Letter Carriers collected nearly 10,000 pounds of non-perishable food for those served by the Food Bank.



Habitat for Humanity Harvest stocks the refrigerator and pantry for new Habitat for Humanity residents, including David, recipient of the Habitat Builds For Veterans Program



Junior League of Texarkana donated \$8,300 to support the Harvest Regional Food Bank Backpack Food Program at area Junior High campuses.



Kilpatrick Bio-Medical Engineering Elementary School collected over 12,000 non-perishable food items as part of their annual "Hunger's No Game 5K".



The Lifetime Loggers Annual Charity Fish Fry raised \$2,000 to support all Hunger Relief services.



Ledwell and Sons, First United Methodist Church of Texarkana, and other groups collected over 1,000 jars of Peanut Butter for Backpack Food For Kids Program.



Caddo Area Council of Boy Scouts collected over 5,000 pounds of food through their annual Scouting for Food.



2018 ANNUAL REPORT

the numbers

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION, DECEMBER 31, 2018

The value of the food Harvest Regional Food Bank receives and distributes is included as Non-Cash under expenses and revenue.

LETTER FROM THE CEO AND BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Hunger Partners,

With your support, Harvest Regional Food Bank has once again reach several milestones in the fight to end hunger in Southwest Arkansas and Northeast Texas. We've provided over 3 million meals to our neighbors through pantries, schools, and direct delivery to rural and underserved communities. We've increased our service to food insecure seniors by providing fresh and shelf stable items to thousands of struggling senior citizens. And, we were able to give nutritious kid-friendly food to over 1,000 children through our Backpack Food For Kids Program, Campus Pantries, and Summer Feeding Sites. These children are at the highest risk of going hungry on days when there is no access to school provided meals. In areas with the fewest resources and highest need, we were able to increase our delivery of pre-packed family food boxes to nearly 4,500 food insecure families living in rural communities. This includes a new partnership with Tyson Foods to deliver family food boxes to their area plants, for low-income employees who have difficulty going to local pantries, due to their work schedule.

While our primary focus is on hunger relief, we also made investments to pave the way for continued growth. We made much needed upgrades and repairs to our docks, making our loading area safer and more efficient, as well as purchasing new and better equipment like forklifts and pallet jacks, with grant funding.

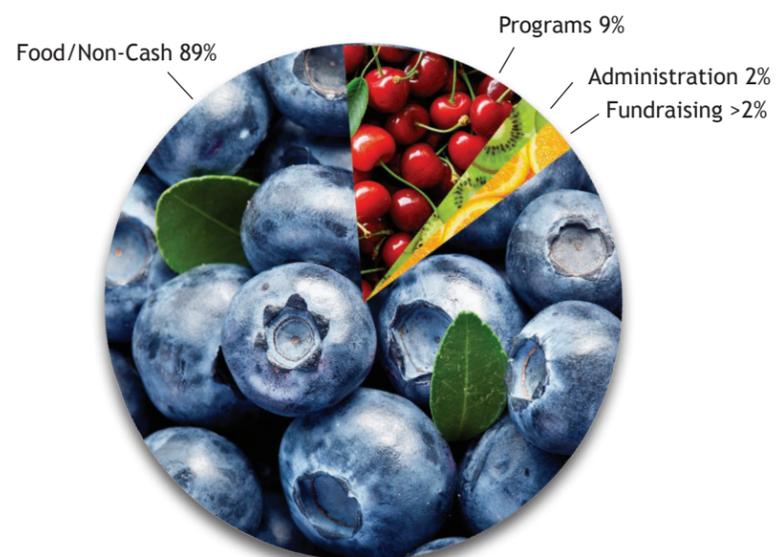
But, our biggest milestone has been over ten years in the making. Because of our work together, for the first time in the food bank's history, Harvest Regional Food Bank achieved the status of "Green" in all ten counties we serve. This has been one of the most important, long-range goals for Harvest since becoming a Feeding America food bank, over ten years ago.

Our accomplishments have been a reflection of everyone who plays a role in our mission, including our agencies, volunteers, and donors. Thanks to you, we're moving the needle on hunger in southwest Arkansas and Northeast Texas. Together we're ending hunger ... ONE MEAL AT A TIME!

All the best from our family to yours,

Camille C. Wrinkle
Camille Coker Wrinkle
CEO/Executive Director

Mike Ingram
Mike Ingram
President, Board
of Directors



EXPENSES

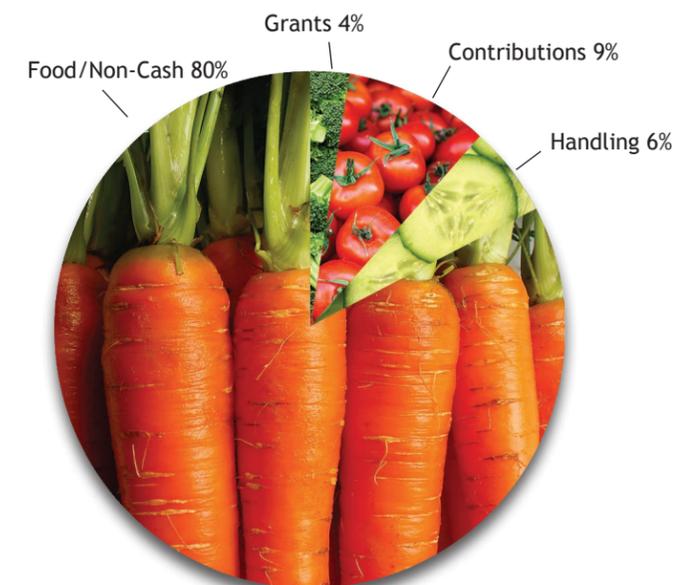
Programs: All expenses related to reclaiming, storing and delivering food in the 10 counties we serve.

Fundraising: The cost of fundraising and marketing activities.

Administration: Compensation, accounting costs and other expenses not directly connected to food distribution.

Programs	\$5,429,431	9%
Admin	85,711	2%
Fundraising	291,873	less than 2%
Total	\$5,807,015	89%

98% OF OUR RESOURCES SUPPORT IMMEDIATE FOOD DISTRIBUTION



REVENUE

Handling Fees: Cost-sharing with partner agencies, who pay 6 to 16 cents per pound for grocery products.

Contributions: Free-will gifts from individuals, companies and other organizations.

Grants: Gifts from charitable foundations and government agencies.

Other: Income from investments, in-kind contributions, etc.

Handling Fees	\$350,013	6%
Contributions	442,614	9%
Grants	271,971	4%
Non-Cash (Food)	4,806,148	80%
Total	\$5,870,746	

Harvest Regional Food Bank reaches more than

55,000
FOOD-INSECURE INDIVIDUALS.

More than

3,500
PEOPLE SERVED WITH FAMILY FOOD BOXES THROUGH MOBILE PANTRY PROGRAM



Nearly

25%
OF THE INDIVIDUALS SERVED BY THE FOOD BANK ARE CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18.

29,000
BACKPACKS delivered.



AR LEGISLATORS SERVE UP HUNGER RELIEF

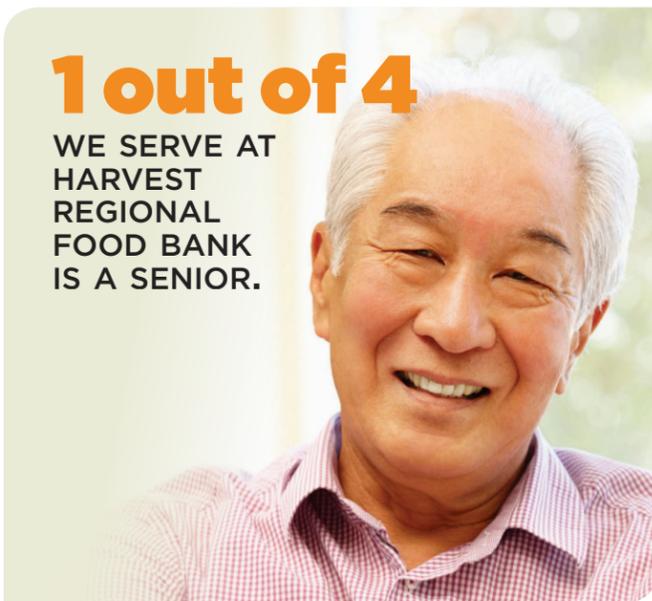
On June 13th, members of the Arkansas Legislature's Hunger Caucus served as the wait staff for Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance's Serving Up Solutions event in Little Rock. The annual event raises funds for hunger relief, with each legislator donating their tips from the night to the charity of their choice. State Representatives Lane Jean, Carol Dalby, DeAnn Vaught, and State Senators Larry Teague and Bruce Maloch were among the lawmakers who participated in the night's festivities.



NOURISHING OUR NEIGHBORS ...

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

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WE SERVE AT HARVEST REGIONAL FOOD BANK IS A SENIOR.



1 out of 6
INDIVIDUALS IN SOUTHWEST ARKANSAS AND NORTHEAST TEXAS STRUGGLE WITH HUNGER.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT:

(GIFTS FROM MAY 1, 2019 - OCTOBER 7, 2019)

FOUNDATION AND CORPORATE GIFTS:

AEP/SWPCO
Equipment Expansion

DOMTAR EMPLOYEES
Backpack Food For Kids Support

HARVEST BANK
Program Support

TODD SHORE'S MCLARTY FORD
Ford "Drive 4 You" Event

PHILLIPS REFRIGERATION
Program Support

LEDWELL MACHINERY
Program Support

UNITED WAY HEMPSTEAD COUNTY
Backpack Food for Kids Support

UNITED WAY GREATER TEXARKANA
Backpack Food for Kids Support

BUILDING HUNGER-FREE COMMUNITIES ...

Last year Harvest Regional Food Bank distributed more than

3.2 million
POUNDS OF FOOD



Which is the equivalent of

3.0 million
MEALS



HONOR ROLL OF GIVING (cumulative gifts of \$1,000 or more during the year)

Bobbie Bradley
Thomson Proprietorship
Lifetime Loggers
Dwight and Murphy Davis Trust
First UMC Ashdown

John Grams
Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance
Wallace Jones
Walmart Store #2123

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SOMETHING MORE THAN A FRUIT CAKE

Looking for a holiday gift for clients, colleagues, or business associates? Something different than the usual Christmas cards, tin of cookies, or fruit cake? This year, Harvest has a simple way for you to spread hunger relief while you spread holiday cheer. Simply send us your holiday list with addresses, and Harvest will send each one a personalized holiday card. The message inside will let them know a gift was made by you or your business, in their honor (suggested donation of \$5 per card).

Please contact the Food Bank at
(870) 774-1398 for more information.
Names and addresses are needed
before December 10, 2019 in order
to be mailed before Christmas.



**Each \$5 card
provides nearly
30 meals for those
struggling during
the holidays.**



#1 holiday hack:

When you buy your gifts
at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com),
Amazon donates.

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