

## HELPING THE COMMUNITY THROUGH A CRISIS



Since the COVID-19 pandemic began in March, Harvest Regional Food Bank has seen a 108% increase in food distribution. As schools closed, jobs were lost, and families faced food insecurity, many for the first time, Harvest got to work addressing the need for hunger relief.

“Prior to the COVID-19 crisis, we used mobile pantries to serve the needs of our rural counties,” says Camille Coker Wrinkle, CEO/Executive Director. Harvest partners with churches or community centers in these rural areas to distribute food boxes to 100-150 families every two-three months. “But as we saw an increase in food insecurity right here in Texarkana, we realized the best way to address hunger was to use our Mobile Pantry Program, but on a much larger scale.”

Harvest held its first large-scale Mobile Pantry event in May at Four States Fairgrounds in Texarkana, and distributed food bundles to 1,000 area families. “This was by far the largest one-day distribution we’d ever hosted, but our goal is to continue making sure families have the food they need, even during this challenging time,” says Wrinkle.

Harvest’s second Texarkana Mobile Pantry was funded by Operation Jerusalem of First Baptist Church Texarkana and held at their location on Moores Lane, and another 1,000 family food bundles were distributed. More Mobile Pantries were scheduled in New Boston for Bowie County and surrounding area residents, where over 1,700 families have been served so far.

Family food boxes distributed in Harvest’s Mobile Pantry Program include fresh vegetables, shelf-stable pantry items, and frozen meats. These “bundles” include enough food to prepare up to a month’s worth of nutritious meals.

**“In five months, we’ve been able to provide food to over 4,500 individuals and families in the Texarkana area,” says Wrinkle.**

And this need isn’t going away anytime soon. With more mobile pantries scheduled for the fall and more area families needing support, Harvest will continue navigating these uncertain times with the help of our community. As one area resident said at a recent Mobile Pantry, “I never thought I’d be here, but I sure am glad you all are here for me.”





## Response to COVID-19

March 1 - July 31



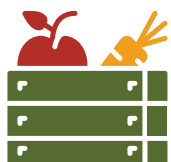
**2.5 million**  
pounds distributed  
since the crisis began



**271**  
new donors



**2,219** calls  
to the food bank  
for assistance



**9,400** school  
food kits & **17,021**  
pantry boxes packed  
and distributed



**127**  
requests for  
assistance via  
our website  
or Facebook



**25,491**  
visitors on our  
website, more  
than twice the  
traffic from 2019



**1.2 million** more  
pounds distributed than  
this time in 2019, a  
**108% increase**



## HARVEST WELCOMES SPECIAL GUEST

Harvest was recently honored with a visit from Feeding America CEO Claire Babineaux-Fontenot. Mrs. Babineaux-Fontenot spent the morning meeting staff and volunteers, touring the food bank, and visiting with the team about our current and future hunger relief needs. "This was the first visit to our food bank by Feeding America leadership," said Mike Ingram, Harvest board member. "It was especially important to highlight our growth as a food bank and outline our plans for the future."

Feeding America is a national network of food banks that provide more than 4 billion meals to over 40 million people across the United States. Harvest is a proud member of Feeding America and partners with them to improve food security for the individuals and families we serve.



## RECENT HUNGER HEROES

We are deeply grateful to the many Hunger Heroes who have helped us continue providing hunger relief to Southwest Arkansas and Northeast Texas with their time, funds, food, and talent. Here are just a few:



### First Baptist Church Texarkana

Sponsored and provided volunteers for the June Texarkana Mobile Pantry, providing 3,000 boxes of produce, meat, and shelf-stable foods to local residents.

The Genuine. The Original.



OVERHEAD DOOR CO. OF TEXARKANA™

### Texarkana Overhead Door Company

Provided support toward the installation of much needed, new overhead doors for loading area.



### H&K Electric, Inc.

Provided electrical work for

overhead door installation to improve loading area.



### P.R.I.D.E. Academy

Held a meal packing event, where they packed over

40,000 meals and donated them to Harvest Regional Food Bank.



### Carl B. and Florence E. King Foundation

Granted critical COVID-19 relief funds in the first weeks of the crisis, which provided 82,500 meals across our region.

## Thank you to our HARVESTER'S CLUB PARTNERS



Dr. Ly &  
Aaron Gaylor

Harvester's Club Partners support Harvest Regional Food Bank's two signature events, as well as provide vital program support each year.

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

## TYSON FOODS CONTINUES GENEROUS SUPPORT

With the high rise in hunger relief needed in Southwest Arkansas and Northeast Texas, Harvest Regional Food Bank has relied on the generosity of its partners more than ever. The continued support of Tyson Foods has allowed Harvest to expand its Mobile Pantry Program, in order to address the increase in food insecurity throughout the region. "Tyson Foods is proud to continue our partnership with Harvest Regional Food Bank by awarding another \$50,000 grant again this year," according to Tem Gunter, Complex HR Manager for Tyson Foods of Nashville. "The money will primarily be used to expand the mobile food pantry in Southwest Arkansas."



In 2011, Harvest established the Mobile Pantry Program to provide food directly to those communities with the fewest hunger relief options. Harvest began quarterly distributions in two underserved counties but has now increased mobile distributions to include both rural and more populated counties. "Camille and her team at Harvest have really done a fantastic job meeting the increased demand for food brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic."

Since March, Harvest has seen a sixty percent increase in the need for hunger relief. "Our team has already distributed one million pounds more than the same time in 2019," said Camille Coker Wrinkle, CEO/Executive Director. "We do not expect the need to decrease in the near future, and this generous gift will help us continue serving food insecure families for months to come."



# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

## LETTER FROM THE CEO AND BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Hunger Partners,

This year has been like no other year in the Food Bank's history. COVID-19 continues to test our strength and resilience, as more families need hunger relief than ever before. We have had to adjust and scale our food distributions to serve much larger groups, and many of our agencies have added distributions and increased their number of clients. **Overall, our distribution has increased by over 100% since the pandemic began in March.**

During this uncertain time, Harvest has embraced change and new opportunities to serve. We have found ways to support our loyal partner pantries as they strive to meet the need in their communities. Over the past few months, Harvest has given new freezers and coolers to nearly twenty pantries and awarded grants of nearly \$100,000 to pantries to purchase food.

No one knows what the future will hold, but we do know this international crisis has shed light on the issue of food insecurity right here in Southwest Arkansas and Northeast Texas. For many, asking for food was the last thing they thought they would ever have to do. And our hope is for our entire community to come away from this crisis with a new compassion and more empathy for those who struggle with hunger.

From March through July, Harvest has distributed over 2.5 million pounds to our neighbors across ten counties. And we could not have done it without the generosity and kindness of friends, new and old, and from all walks of life, who have stepped up to make sure our neighbors are fed.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank our incredible team here at Harvest Regional Food Bank. Everyone here wears multiple hats, and most of our employees have worked overtime, taking on additional roles and responsibilities to make sure we "get the job done."

And while we are sad to see our fundraising events cancelled for the year, we hope you will continue supporting our mission by giving financially, or with your time, to one of our many vital hunger programs. As you'll read in this issue, the challenge we have been facing is far from over. Every hour of your time and every dollar of support counts. If you have not "liked" Harvest Regional Food Bank's Facebook page or "followed" us on Instagram, we encourage you to do so. We hope you'll join us in sharing our stories of hope, and help us celebrate our accomplishments in the coming months.

One thing we know about Southwest Arkansans and Northeast Texans is that we stand together in difficult times. And with you by our side, we know we can get food to the children, families, and seniors who need it most. We are all in this together!

Thank you for helping us help others. All the best from our family to yours.

Stay Well,

**Camille Wrinkle**, Executive Director/CEO  
Harvest Regional Food Bank

**Julie Furlow**, President  
Harvest Regional Food Bank  
Board of Directors



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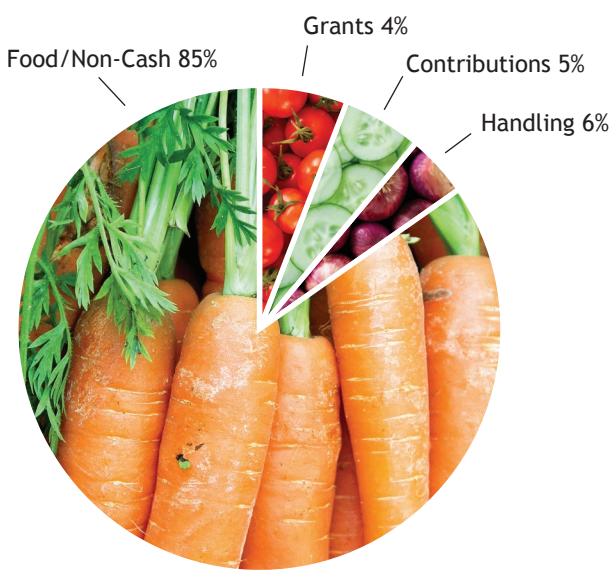
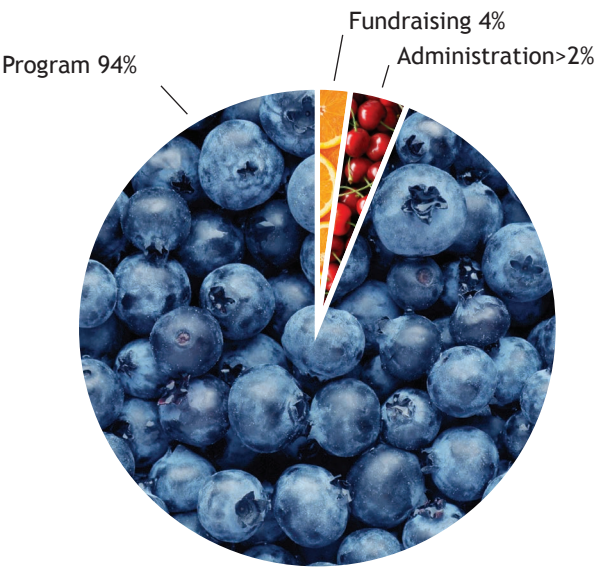




# the numbers

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION: DECEMBER 31, 2019

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



## EXPENSES

**Programs:** All expenses related to securing, 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	\$5,974,100	94%
Admin	87,952	less than 2%
Fundraising	288,476	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,350,528</b>	

## REVENUE

**Handling Fees:** Cost-sharing with partner agencies, who pay no more than 19 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	\$383,478	6%
Contributions	339,739	5%
Grants	276,971	4%
Non-Cash (Food)	5,507,387	85%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,507,575</b>	

98%

OF OUR RESOURCES  
SUPPORT  
IMMEDIATE FOOD  
DISTRIBUTION

# THANK YOU, DONORS!

## Grants Received (May 1 through July 31, 2020)

Albertson's  
\$2,000 for Backpack Program Support

Subaru Foundation  
\$1,500 for Emergency Food Relief

Darden Foundation  
\$1,060 for General Support

Patterson Troike Foundation  
\$5,000 for COVID-19 Hunger Relief

United Way of Greater Texarkana  
\$6,000 for COVID-19 Hunger Relief

Centene/Ambetter Health  
\$12,000 for COVID-19 Hunger Relief

Carl B. and Florence E. King Foundation  
\$15,000 for COVID-19 Hunger Relief

Tepper Foundation  
\$100,000 for Agency Capacity, Equipment & Distribution Costs

Feeding America  
\$242,000 for Emergency Food and Refrigerated Truck

## Donors with Cumulative Gifts of \$1,000+ (Over the last 12 months)

Alton and Carolyn Womack  
Anita and Michael Stevenson  
Arkansas Community Foundation  
BancorpSouth  
Beauty Outlet Mall, Inc  
Beth and Leon Pesek, Jr.  
Bobbie Bradley  
Bowie County Farm Bureau  
Bruce Flint  
BWI Companies, Inc.  
Cabe Cook Foundation  
Cardinal Revenue Solutions LLC  
Centene  
Chris and Debbie Alkire  
Christ United Methodist Church  
Cooper Tire & Rubber Company  
Cornerstone Counseling Clinic, Inc  
Curtis Garner  
Cynthia Soyars  
Danny and Brenda Jones  
David and Barbara Vershaw  
David Hudson  
David McAdams  
Delbert Hostetler  
Delia Goins  
Diamond Bank  
DMP Investments

Dolly McGinnis  
Domino Federal Credit Union  
Dr. Benjamin & McCauley Dubois  
Eagle Distributing Of Texarkana, Inc  
Falls Chapel Cumberland  
Presbyterian Church  
Fidelity Charitable  
First United Methodist Church –  
Nashville  
First United Methodist Church –  
Ashdown  
Gail and Gene Cogbill  
Grady McAlexander  
Health Care Express  
Ink Custom Tees  
James and Carolyn Turchi  
James Murphy  
Jauan Lewis  
Jeffrey Decaprio  
Jim Bob and Darla Hambleton  
Jimmy McLaughlin  
Jo and Carl Burns  
Joe Walker  
John and Diana Gregory  
John and Sue Anthony  
Charitable Trust  
John Grams  
JST Enterprises, Inc.

Judy and Larry McNeal  
Julie's Deli  
Kate Anderson  
Kirby and Diana Bunel  
Lester and Anne Houk  
Linda Walker  
Lippian Family Dentistry  
Margaret Young  
Mary and Joseph Morris  
Mary Tidwell  
Matthew and Cynthia Young  
Melovee White Trust  
Mike and Anita Brisco  
Milway Federal Credit Union  
Ministries Of Harvest Temple Inc  
Northside Assembly Of God Church  
Perry and Teresa Newton  
Precision Metal Industries, Inc.  
RBIS, LLC  
Red River Employees Federal Credit  
Union  
Riata Land & Cattle Company  
Riggs Employees Fund  
Robert and Sue Braley  
Rose Hill Baptist Church  
Rozan and Milton Cowling  
Sharon and Walter Davis

Shelter Foundation-Bryan Bolt  
Smolarz Law Firm  
State Bank  
Stephen Zorsch  
Sugar Hill United Methodist Church  
Susan Keeney  
Sylvia Hatridge  
Terry and Deborah Spivey  
Texarkana Emergency Center  
Texarkana Oaklawn Rotary Club  
The Thomas H Mayme P Scott  
Foundation Inc  
The Woodforest Charitable  
Foundation  
Thomson Proprietorship  
Todd Shores' McLarty Ford  
United Way Of Greater Texarkana  
United Way Of Hempstead County  
W.W. Metal Products  
Wallace Jones  
Walmart #4367  
Walmart #4371  
Walmart Store #2123  
Wholesale Electric Supply Co.  
Windstream  
Wisdom Animal Clinic  
Youngblood Insurance



## BECOME A BACKPACK SPONSOR

### Sponsor a Child for the 2020-2021 School Year

Over 29,000 children in our region receive free- or reduced-lunch through the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program. For many of these children, school meals may be the only nutrition they are guaranteed. What happens when they go home over the weekend and on holidays?

**\$125 =**  
weekend  
nutrition  
for a year!



For 15 years, Harvest's Backpack Program has provided supplemental nutrition to food-insecure elementary and middle school students. These easy-to-open, shelf-stable food items ensure kids get enough to eat on the weekends and return to school ready to succeed.

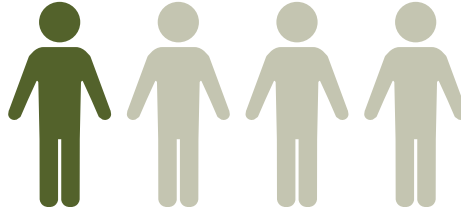
No child should have to worry where their next meal will come from. With a gift of just \$125, you can sponsor a local child in Harvest's Backpack program for an entire school year. Your gift will provide a child with kid-friendly entrees, breakfast items, milk, juice, and snacks for each weekend of the school year, and extra items included over extended holidays and breaks.

For more information or to sponsor a child, call (870) 774-1398 or email [development@hrfb.org](mailto:development@hrfb.org).

# Planning for Hunger Tomorrow

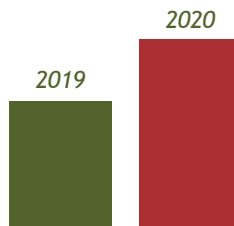
The Rise in Hunger Is Far From Over

By the end of 2020,  
**1 in 4 of our  
neighbors will  
face hunger**



*In 2019, it  
was 1 in 5*

An additional,  
**13,350 in our  
service area**  
will face food insecurity



*This includes 5,640 kids  
and 3,337 senior citizens*

Harvest Regional Food Bank  
will experience a

**52% increase  
in demand**



*Estimated cost over the next 6 months:*

**\$1.3 million**

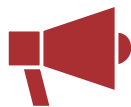
Meeting the need will require  
**577,000 more  
meals**, over this time  
last year, a 46% increase



## Our Response Plan



Continuing to  
meet the  
rising demand.



Advocating for state  
support to help food  
banks and our partners  
meet the need.



Adapting the ways  
we deliver food  
to reach each  
community.



Educating the  
community and  
destigmatizing  
food support.



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**EVENT UPDATES**



**Wine & Jazz  
Gala**



**2020 Wine & Jazz and  
Taste of Texarkana CANCELED**

*See you in 2021!*

**YOU CAN STILL BE A PART  
OF THE HARVEST FAMILY**

If 2020 has taught us one thing, it's that we are stronger together — even if we are physically six feet apart. Harvest has come to rely more than ever on the support of our community, both near and far, and that's why we are recognizing our super friends as our #hungerheroes. Now everyone can become a #hungerhero with the purchase of a T-shirt, with proceeds going directly to our vital programs and services. Email [development@hrfb.org](mailto:development@hrfb.org) or call (870) 774-1398 to get yours today!



**\$1 = 5.5 meals**  
**for children, families**  
**and seniors.**  
**Please donate today.**

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