

GROWING OUR REACH, FEEDING MORE FAMILIES

Dear Hunger Heroes,

2020 and 2021 saw the highest rates of hunger in the history of Harvest Regional Food Bank. During that time, we provided nearly 10 million pounds of food to southwest Arkansas and northeast Texas! To meet the need, Harvest has expanded its childhood hunger programs to include over forty campuses, and recently opened new high school pantries to serve older, food insecure students, as well as their families. Harvest also implemented its first Texarkana mass distributions, serving up to 3,000 boxes of fresh and shelf stable foods at each event.

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Over the coming months, Harvest is increasing our reach in the following ways:

- Equipment and software for partnering agencies, to increase efficiency and tailor hunger relief.
- Expansion of Student Pantry Program for more high school and post-high school campuses.
- Additional Summer Feeding and Out of School hunger relief programs across our ten-county service area.
- Increased partnerships with healthcare and wellness organizations.
- Nutrition and Financial Wellness programs, including budgeting and low-cost cooking classes to address underlying causes of hunger in southwest Arkansas and northeast Texas.

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Harvest is committed to distributing immediate hunger relief in the form of pantry boxes, mobile pantries, and weekend childhood hunger programs. We are also committed to going beyond the box of food by working with local healthcare, education, and other relief organizations to turn the tide of food insecurity across our region. **We look forward to keeping you updated as work to fight hunger and improve lives, “one meal at a time.”**



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WINE & JAZZ 2022

PRESENTED BY: **TEXAR**

This year's Wine & Jazz Gala was a great success, raising over \$60,000 to support hunger relief in southwest Arkansas and northeast Texas!

On March 4, Community members joined at Silvermoon on Broad to support Harvest Regional Food Bank and help fight hunger. Guests dined on gourmet dishes and wine pairings prepared by local Chefs: Jennifer Tanner, Julie's Deli; Bri Flanigan and Staley James, Twisted Fork; Darby Neaves, Naaman's Championship BBQ; Hector Jimenez, Verona; and Becky Williams, Benchmark American Brasserie.



Everyone enjoyed live music on the patio, provided by the extraordinarily talented Candace Taylor & Trio, and a live painting, by Joseph Raymond, added to the evening's festivities. This year's event was presented by TEXAR FCU and honored the founder of Wine & Jazz, Norma Durrant.

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BOWL GAME PLAYERS GIVE BACK



The Farmer's Bank & Trust LIVE UNITED BOWL recruits teams from all over the country for a chance to play for the football championship. This year, Harvest Regional Food Bank had a great time partnering with some of the players, as they volunteered to give back to the community they were visiting. Over sixty players from Southeastern Oklahoma State packed family and senior food boxes and weekend backpacks for kids.

All total, over 35,000 meals were assembled and packed for hungry children and families throughout southwest Arkansas and northeast Texas!

THANK YOU, DONORS!

Grants Received (August 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020)

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Backpack Program of Hempstead County

United Way Greater Texarkana
Backpack Program Texarkana Area

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Tyson Foods Inc.
Mobile Pantry Support in Hempstead,
Howard, and Pike Counties

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Childhood Hunger Programs in
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Texarkana Area

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Hunger Relief

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Harvest Regional Food Bank reaches more than

55,000

FOOD-INSECURE INDIVIDUALS.

More than

20,000

INDIVIDUALS SERVED WITH FAMILY FOOD BOXES THROUGH THE MOBILE PANTRY PROGRAM

Nearly

25%

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

35,000

BACKPACKS delivered.

NOURISHING OUR NEIGHBORS ...

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

1 out of 4

WE SERVE AT HARVEST REGIONAL FOOD BANK IS A SENIOR.

1 out of 5

INDIVIDUALS IN SOUTHWEST ARKANSAS AND NORTHEAST TEXAS STRUGGLE WITH HUNGER.

BUILDING HUNGER-FREE COMMUNITIES ...

Last year Harvest Regional Food Bank distributed more than

4.4 million

POUNDS OF FOOD



Which is the equivalent of

3.6 million

MEALS

