

## **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.



#### While we continue to focus on the need in front of us, Harvest is also looking ahead to long-term hunger solutions.

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 Jiminez, 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) -

United Way of Hempstead County Backpack Program of Hempstead County

United Way Greater Texarkana Backpack Program Texarkana Area

Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance Equipment Needs

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Junior League of Texarkana Texarkana Middle School Backpack Program

Arkansas Community Foundation Backpack and School Pantry Support

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**Booz Allen Foundation** Support of Childhood and Early Adult Hunger Relief

Texarkana Community Foundation Childhood Hunger Relief in Texarkana Area

CHRISTUS Fund Senior and Low-Income Patient Hunger Relief

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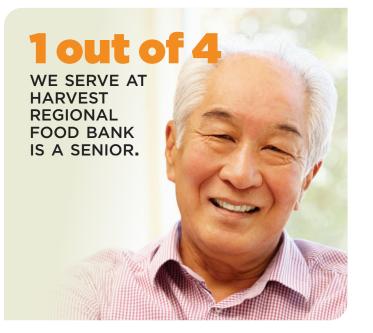
More than

INDIVIDUALS SERVED WITH FAMILY FOOD BOXES THROUGH THE MOBILE PANTRY PROGRAM

### Nearly 5% OF THE INDIVIDUALS SERVED BY THE FOOD BANK ARE CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF **18**. BACKPACKS delivered.

# 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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#### BUILDING HUNGER-FREE COMMUNITIES Which is the equivalent of

Last year Harvest Regional Food Bank distributed more than

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