



2022 FALL NEWSLETTER

HARVEST PARTNERS WITH HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS TO EXPAND ITS HUNGER RELIEF

Thanks to a grant from the CHRISTUS Fund, Harvest has taken great steps in developing partnerships with area healthcare providers to reach low-income patients who are also food insecure. Harvest recognizes that our area healthcare and senior care organizations are often serving the same clients as the food bank, and has been working to increase our collective impact to hungry individuals and families.

According to recent Feeding America studies, which include Harvest Regional Food Bank, over 40 percent of those surveyed, reported being in fair or poor health. The primary goal of our program is to establish on-site pantries and distributions that will serve food insecure seniors and patients with underlying health issues, such as hypertension and diabetes. Providing regular access to healthy foods, as well as other services, including nutrition education and SNAP assistance is key to disease prevention and critical in fighting obesity. "Those who are the most food insecure, are often those with the fewest options for nutritious food," according to Camille Wrinkle, Executive Director of Harvest Regional Food Bank. "We hope by using a collaborative approach, we can make a lasting impact on the overall health and wellness of our community."

"In 2020, CHRISTUS St. Michael's community health needs assessment report, which was developed with community voices to help us understand what's happening in their communities, showed that food insecurity is a barrier for many community members," according to Jessica Guerra & Nadine Nadal, with the CHRISTUS Community Impact Fund. "CHRISTUS St. Michael saw an opportunity to change their communities'



circumstances and reached out to the Harvest Regional Food Bank to tackle barriers to accessing healthy food and improve health outcomes. With a little help from the CHRISTUS Community Impact Fund, the Harvest Regional Food Bank has been able to make a difference in our community."

Ms. Guerra and Ms. Nadal add, "The CHRISTUS Community Impact Fund is the grant-making arm of CHRISTUS Health. Each year, we partner with each of our 10 Ministries to partner and support initiatives led by local non-profit community agencies, collaboratives, or coalitions who are addressing health concerns or responding to social, economic and environmental conditions that improve the quality of life of our communities."

Harvest Regional Food Bank thanks CHRISTUS St. Michael and the CHRISTUS Community Impact Fund for helping us take this exciting next step in creating healthy, food-secure communities throughout southwest Arkansas and northeast Texas.

A DAY OUT ON THE GREEN



Harvest Regional Food Bank hosted the 2022 Drive Out Hunger Golf Tournament on May 16, at Northridge Country Club. It was another huge success with over 100 golfers enjoying a full day of golf and fun while helping fight food insecurity in Southwest Arkansas and Northeast Texas.

Harvest hosted the inaugural golf tournament in 2021, due to COVID-19 and the cancellations of our signature events, Wine & Jazz and Taste of

Texarkana. After having such a wonderful turnout, we decided to keep it around!

All golfers were given the chance to participate in games while out on the course, including *Closest* to the Hole and Longest Drive, for a chance to win several high value golf items.

The tournament raised nearly \$30,000 to support hunger relief programs throughout Harvest Regional Food Bank's 10 county service area.



FIRST PLACE Matt Prieskorn, David Mims, Faith Delagarza, Jeff Prieskorn



SECOND PLACE
Cheney Pruett, Greg Flanagan,
Brad Davis, Chris Baca



THIRD PLACE
Thomas Dickens, Cody White,
Lauree Romero, Sean Romero

Harvest Regional Food Bank would like to give a special thanks to our sponsors who helped to make this day possible:

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SAVE THE DATE:TASTE OF TEXARKANA

Dr. Ly & Aaron Gaylor

Present -



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Grand Sponsors







WHEN: Tuesday, November 1, 2022 5pm - 8pm

WHERE: Four States Fair Grounds

- Voted one of the top 5 Best Charity Events in Texarkana.
- Over 40 restaurants, food, and beverage vendors.
- Celebrating 29 years of family fun.

SPONSOR AND VENDOR OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE.

For more information, call (870) 774-1398 or email development@hrfb.org.



BY THE NUMBERS



357
New Donors
Since This Time
Last Year



6,500

Calls to the Food Bank for Assistance



Pounds Distributed in 2021



144

Requests for Assistance Via Our Website or Facebook



32,765

Visitors on Our Website in the Last 12 Months



2.5 Million

Pounds
Distributed to
Date



LETTER FROM THE CEO AND BOARD PRESIDENT

No matter who you are, food is a necessity. And the ability to provide food to one's family is a need that trumps all others. Over the past year, Harvest has saw a brief dip in hunger rates, followed by a new rise in need, caused by the high cost of food and fuel.

To meet the need, Harvest purchased more food than ever, and added more programs to reach those struggling with hunger. We continued our commitment to providing immediate hunger relief through pantry boxes, mobile pantries, and weekend childhood hunger programs, while also expanding our reach through:

- Equipment and software for partnering agencies, to increase efficiency and tailor hunger relief.
- Expansion of Student Pantries for more high school and post-high school campuses.
- Additional Summer Feeding and Out-of-School programs across our 10-county service area.
- New healthcare partnerships.

While we are focused on need in front of us, Harvest is also looking ahead to long-term solutions:

- Expansion of Out-of-School Programs, including After-School Feeding Sites.
- Expansion of our facility, to add a commercial kitchen and multi-purpose space for volunteer training, cooking classes, and community education.
- Nutrition and Financial Wellness programs to address underlying causes of hunger in our community.

Harvest Regional Food Bank has done much to be proud of this year, and we could not do it without an incredible group of dedicated employees. Our team goes above and beyond to secure, store and distribute food to our pantries, with one goal: to serve our food insecure neighbors.

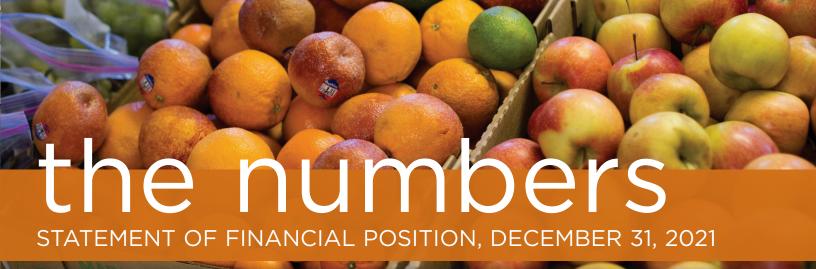
However, there is still much to do, and the need for support is great. We thank all of you who continue to give of your time, your resources, and financial support. We look forward to keeping you updated as we work to fight hunger and improve lives, "one meal at a time."



Camille Coker Wrinkle
CEO/Executive Director



Brad Davis
Board President



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 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
 \$8,938,997
 95%

 Admin
 158,742
 1.6%

 Fundraising
 303,671
 3%

 Total
 \$9,404,410

96% 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.

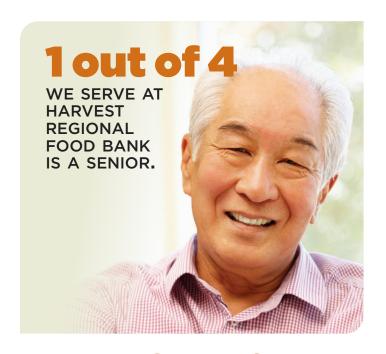
Handling Fees &	\$664,679	7%
Contributions		
Grants	1,322,606	13%
Non-Cash (Food)	7,987,653	80%
Total	\$9,974,938	





NOURISHING OUR NEIGHBORS ...

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





BUILDING HUNGER-FREE COMMUNITIES ...

Last year Harvest Regional Food Bank distributed more than

4.5 million
POUNDS
OF FOOD



Which is the equivalent of





THANK YOU, DONORS!

Grants Received (May 1, 2022 - August 1, 2022)

Patterson-Troike Foundation - Support Expanding Hunger Relief Programs

Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance - EquipmentSupport for Food Delivery

Walmart Fight Hunger Spark Change - Partner Agency Support

BancorpSouth - Hunger Relief Support

United Way of Greater Texarkana - Support for Backpack Childhood Hunger Programs

United Way of Hempstead County - Support for Backpack Childhood Hunger Programs in Hempstead County CHRISTUS Health Fund - Support for Hunger Relief Partnerships with Healthcare Providers

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Please contact the Food Bank at (870) 774-1398

for more information. Names and addresses are needed before December 10, 2022 in order to be mailed before Christmas.





