

# THE DISH HARVEST

REGIONAL FOOD BANK

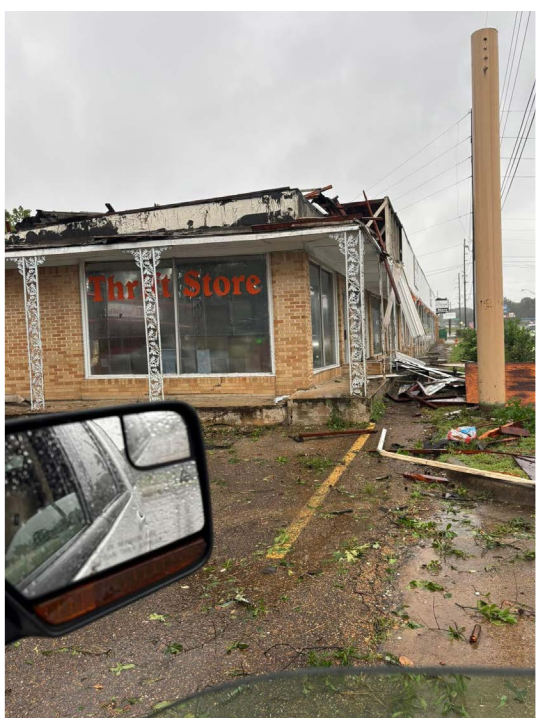


2024 FALL  
NEWSLETTER

## HARVEST HELPS NEIGHBORS AFFECTED BY BERYL

On the evening of July 8, storms caused by Hurricane Beryl slammed into the region and left the Texarkana neighborhood of Beverly devastated as a result. The next morning, the Harvest team reached out to leaders of the Beverly community, and within a couple of hours, our trucks were delivering shelf-stable, ready-to-eat foods that did not need to be cooked or refrigerated. *“Harvest Regional Food Bank was the first on the scene to make sure people had food,”* according to Pastor Barbara Stoker of Mt. Sinai Church and Beverly Community Center. *“They truly are a blessing to the whole community.”*

In the weeks since, Harvest has continued to deliver food to Beverly residents as power is restored and they begin to put their lives back together. *“An important part of our mission is the ability to pivot and respond in times of disaster,”* said Harvest Regional Food Bank CEO, Camille Wrinkle. *“We serve as a hub for hunger relief and bring together partners to make sure the immediate needs of our neighbors are met.”*



# HARVEST REGIONAL FOOD BANK

## 4th Annual **DRIVE OUT HUNGER GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**Presented By**



NANTZE, INC.

On May 20, Harvest Regional Food Bank hosted their 4th Annual Drive Out Hunger Golf Tournament at Northridge Country Club, marking another great success! With over 100 golfers participating, the event combined a full day of golf and community, all in support of fighting food insecurity in northeast Texas and southwest Arkansas.



With the Food Bank being founded and based in Texarkana, we really rely on this community for support. All funds raised from the golf tournament support the hunger relief programs throughout Harvest Regional Food Bank's ten-county service area. We look forward to next year and invite you to follow us for future dates.

*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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COME GET A TASTE



OF TEXARKANA

5pm - 8pm • Tuesday, October 22 • Four States Fair Grounds Entertainment Center

BROUGHT TO YOU BY

Dr. Ly & Aaron Gaylor

40+ RESTAURANTS, FOOD & BEVERAGE VENDORS

PRESENTING SPONSORS:



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SCAN TO PURCHASE

\$25 PER TICKET

\$50 VIP TICKET

\$10 KIDS AGE 6-10 TICKET

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# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

## LETTER FROM THE CEO AND BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Partners,

What a year it has been! The past twelve months have seen Harvest Regional Food Bank expand our reach to serve more families than ever before, and in new ways that go beyond just the traditional box of food. While we remain committed to serving the immediate hunger relief needs of our neighbors, Harvest is thinking about the whole picture of food insecurity and the entire community that it impacts. Access to food doesn't exist in a bubble. Instead, it is one piece of a juggling act for those we serve, that also includes housing, clothing and medicine.

Our efforts to impact the whole person have included:

- Serving over 20,000 meals through our Summer and After School Feeding Programs.
- Reaching nearly 10,000 individuals through our School and College Pantries for students and their families.
- Assisting low-income neighbors with SNAP and other benefits to help the whole family.
- Delivering over 1,700 diabetic friendly boxes to low-income patients through local healthcare clinics.
- Completion of a commercial kitchen and community education room to provide more meals to childhood hunger programs and educate those we serve on nutrition, financial wellness, and more!

Our success over the past year could only be possible by partnering with our community and through the support of incredible employees, board members,

volunteers and friends who are committed to ensuring access to healthy food for all residents of northeast Texas and southwest Arkansas.

As we celebrate our milestones and prepare for the year ahead, we want to thank all of you who continue to support our work with your time and resources. Together, we are changing lives, "one meal at a time."



Camille Coker Wrinkle  
CEO/Executive Director



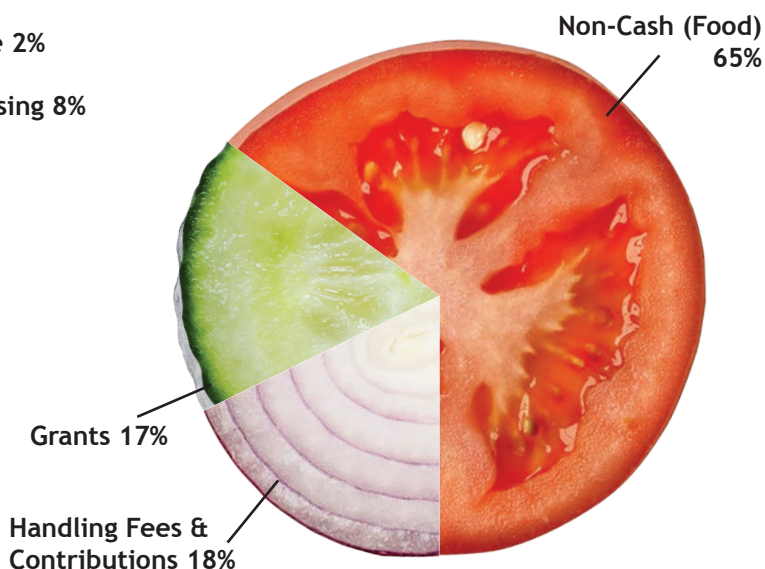
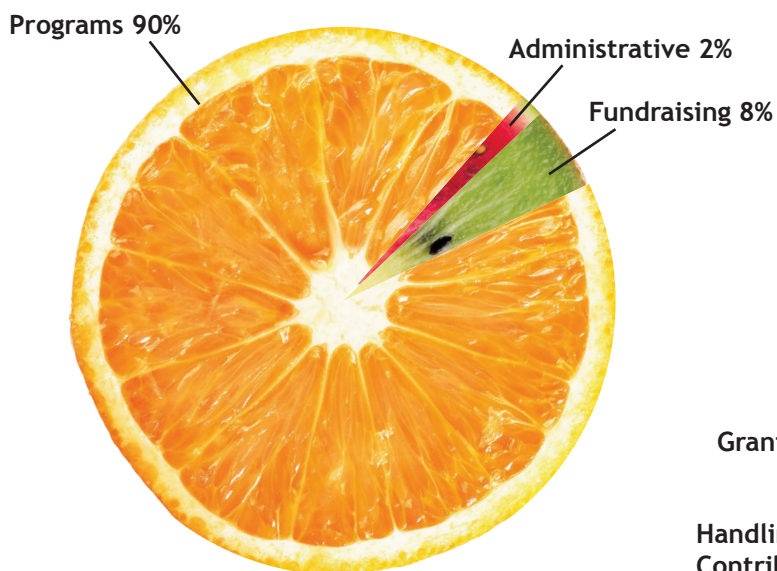
Corey Jerry  
President, Board of Directors



# the numbers

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION, DECEMBER 31, 2023

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	\$ 7,651,904	90%
Fundraising	714,364	8%
Administrative	154,352	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,520,620</b>	

## 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.

Non-Cash (Food)	\$ 6,153,892	65%
Grants	1,503,130	17%
Handling Fees & Contributions	1,779,079	18%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,436,101</b>	

98%

OF OUR RESOURCES  
SUPPORT  
IMMEDIATE FOOD  
DISTRIBUTION

Harvest Regional Food Bank reaches more than

**55,000**  
FOOD-INSECURE INDIVIDUALS.

Nearly

**25,000**  
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.

**over 30,000**  
BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL PANTRY BOXES 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 ...

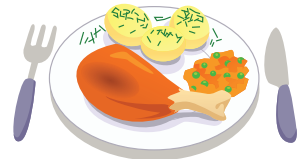
Last year Harvest Regional Food Bank distributed more than

**4.4 million**  
POUNDS OF FOOD



Which is the equivalent of

**3.75 million**  
MEALS



# THANK YOU, DONORS!

## *Grants Received (May 1, 2023 – August 1, 2023)*

United Way of Greater Texarkana  
United Way of Hempstead County  
Cadence Bank  
CHRISTUS Fund  
Feeding America-Red Nose Day Fund

Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance  
Papa John's Foundation, Inc.  
AEP Swepeco  
Texarkana Wilbur Smith Rotary Club  
Walmart Fight Hunger. Spark Change.

Albertsons Foundation -  
Nourishing Neighbors Fund  
Feeding America - CVS  
Feeding America Multi-Donor  
Family Access to Food Fund

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

Anne and Lester Houk  
Artex Truck Center, Inc.  
Avery's Chapel Church  
Betty Ball  
Betty Scoggins  
Bowie Co. Dept. Of Community  
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First United Methodist Church - Ashdown  
Flanagan | Andrus  
Foundation Baptist Church

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Mary and Joseph Morriss  
Milway Federal Credit Union  
Nantze, Inc.  
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Patsy Hutchins  
Riata Land & Cattle Company  
Ritter Communications  
State Bank of Dekalb  
Texana Bank  
Texar Federal Credit Union  
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The Light Guys  
The Patterson Troike  
Foundation Inc.  
Twin City Title  
Veda Strait  
Vicki and Roy Deskin  
Walter Wharton  
Wholesale Electric Supply Co.

## HARVEST GLEANS PRODUCE FOR AREA FAMILIES

We recently partnered with a local farmer to grow watermelons for Harvest Regional Food Bank, and on July 12, a team of employees, volunteers and hunger relief partners headed out to glean an incredible crop of melons.

A special thank you goes out to Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance for assisting with planting and harvesting the crop, and Red River Federal Credit Union – Financial Services, Restoration of Hope Mens Ministry, Michael Rayburn, Justice of the Peace, and several other volunteers for helping us glean nearly 13,000 pounds of fresh produce for families in southwest Arkansas and northeast Texas.



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FOOD BANK 2024  
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*Community Volunteer*

## **MAKE THE HOLIDAYS MERRIER WITH ACTS OF GIVING**

The holiday season is upon us, and hunger doesn't take a break! At Harvest, we offer a simple yet impactful way for you to spread hunger relief while sharing holiday cheer. For just \$10 per holiday card, you can demonstrate your care for those in need to your family, friends, and colleagues. Simply send us your holiday list along with addresses and Harvest will send each recipient a personalized holiday card on your behalf. Inside, they will find a heartfelt message informing them a gift has been made in their honor by you or your business.

Please contact the Food Bank at (870) 774-1398 for more information. Names and addresses are needed by December 1, 2024 in order to be mailed before Christmas.

**For each \$10 contribution, we will be able to provide 55 meals to those struggling during the holidays.**