YOU CAN HELP US **SET THE TABLE**

Over a year into the pandemic, thousands of our neighbors are still facing hunger - many for the first time. The pandemic upended our distribution model almost overnight, but we guickly pivoted, and remain pivoted, to meet the need. We are distributing directly to clients through drive-through, contactless distributions, ensuring vulnerable kids and seniors receive meals, forging new urban and rural partnerships to increase food distribution points, and tapping new food supply sources.



Because of you, the Food Bank of West Central Texas is making sure our neighbors impacted by the crisis have the food they need. Please help set the table. Together, we can end hunger.

Food drives are a great way to involve your

hunger. Whether you host a traditional food

"Communities of Abilene Federal Credit

children, friends, and family in the fight to end

drive to collect canned goods or hold a virtual

food drive to raise funds on Facebook, you can

Union strongly believes that we have a moral

obligation to help others in the community

that are less fortunate than us and may be

to support an organization (through food

drives) that has such a big impact in the

Abilene Federal Credit Union

going through tough times. We feel privileged

Louis Zientek, President/CEO, Communities of

GIVE FUNDS (\$3)



One-time, monthly, donor advised fund gifts, corporate sponsorships, and grants help us end hunger today. Just \$10 can help to provide 50 meals. Also, please consider a gift to help us tomorrow. A gift in your will to the Food Bank or naming us as a beneficiary of your retirement plan or life insurance policy are simple ways to make a long-term impact.

"We feel we must provide for those in need when we are blessed to have enough food for ourselves. After all, we could be in similar circumstances ourselves one day. God bless the Food Bank."

Cheryl and Ben Callaway, Monthly Donors

make a big difference.





It doesn't take a big commitment to make a big impact. Help the Food Bank of West Central Texas get food in the hands of those who need it most. Individuals and groups welcome.

"The Food Bank was established to fill a very specific need, especially for children. The Abilene Evening Lion's Club has always had a focus on children...so it is very important to us that we know the children have the food they need to stay healthy. You can't learn if you're

Sharon Emmonds, Abilene Evening Lions Club, Volunteer Group

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A SEAT AT THE TABLE

ANNUAL REPORT 2020



GRATITUDE AT THE TABLE

Dear Friend of the Food Bank,

The first United States Native American Poet Laureate, Joy Harjo, shares in her 1994 poem "Perhaps the World Ends Here,"

"The world begins at a kitchen table. No matter what, we must eat to live.

- ... This table has been a house in the rain, an umbrella in the sun.
- ...At this table we sing with joy, with sorrow. We pray of suffering and remorse.

We give thanks."

For so many of us, the kitchen table in 2020 was more so than ever the shelter in this pandemic storm. During such uncertainty, we gathered at our table to laugh, cry, plan, work, study. Most importantly, we gave thanks and were nourished at our tables.

BECAUSE OF YOU, many West Central Texans facing hunger not only laughed, cried, planned, worked, and studied at their tables, but most importantly, were nourished.

We fed children. We fed seniors. We fed communities. Because of you, we distributed 24% more food than pre-pandemic levels. To keep our most vulnerable neighbors healthy, over 1 MILLION pounds of fresh produce was distributed.

Today we wonder, like you, what our new normal will be. According to Feeding America, our national office, 53,350 individuals face hunger in our 13-county service area, including 16,950 children. Supply chain disruptions have changed the landscape of our food distribution network, perhaps permanently. Government food assistance has wound down and we patiently await seeing how that impacts our food supply. While we received generous food and financial support in 2020 to meet unprecedented demand, donations have leveled off. The need in our communities for nourishment nonetheless persists, and we are confident that with your continued generosity we can meet needs in the coming year.

We are deeply grateful for your support. You always have a seat at our table. Please pull up a chair and stay with us. Together, we can end hunger.

Donated Food

Contributions

Other Income

USDA Programs

We Give Thanks.

Grant Seabourne Board Chair

Grant Miller Immediate Past Board Chair

Ronnie C. Kidd Chief Executive Officer

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES | YEAR END DECEMBER 31, 2020



*Surplus is largely due to grants received in 2020 that are restricted for 2021

FEEDING KIDS

We feed kids through fixed and mobile pantries and our Backpack Program. Programs provide child-friendly, nutritious snacks and meals over the weekend and school breaks at no cost to the child or the family.

BY THE NUMBERS

Served annually through the backpack program

Partner school

Backpacks distributed per month during the school year

Average number of snacks 26,163

"Because of the Backpack Buddies Program, students return from the weekend ready to learn, and not hungry because of the lack of food. Thank you all so much. This would not be possible without the Food Bank."

Becky Acuna, Trinity Baptist Church, Sweetwater



FEEDING SENIORS

We feed seniors at fixed and mobile pantries, and in 2021, launched our first Senior Food Pantry in Abilene in partnership with the city of Abilene's Rose Park Senior Center. We also have a senior backpack distribution in Callahan County that we would like to emulate in other counties.

BY THE NUMBERS

Senior food pantry launched in Abilene

Senior backpacks distributed

Pounds of food distributed at 54.000+ **Rose Park Senior Food Pantry** Since April 1, 2021

"Just wanted to say thank you to the Food Bank for the amazing produce we were able to get yesterday. May God continue to bless the Food Bank and each of you for the work you do that benefits so many."

Dannes Turner, Cross Plains Senior Center



FEEDING COMMUNITIES

With 135 partner food pantries, meal sites and shelters, through our Mobile Pantries and other programs, we ensure our most vulnerable neighbors receive food and hope in 13 counties.

BY THE NUMBERS

65.303

Meals per month served

Increase in food distributed from pre-pandemic levels

Mobile pantries in 7 counties serving an average of 941 households per month

Pounds of fresh produce distributed

"Our community would be up a hard creek without a paddle had we not had the Food Bank!"

Mary Hays, Comanche County Mobile Pantry

