

A SEAT AT THE TABLE

ANNUAL REPORT 2020



food bank
of West Central Texas

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.

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

Donated Food	\$3,227,891
Contributions	\$3,058,445
USDA Programs	\$2,355,868
Shared Maintenance	\$154,629
Purchased Product Program	\$127,195
Grants	\$146,301
Other Income	\$3,960
TOTAL REVENUE	\$9,074,289

Food Distribution	\$6,758,483
General and Administrative	\$273,648
Fund Raising	\$172,308
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$7,204,439

Change in Net Assets from Operating Activities*	\$1,869,850
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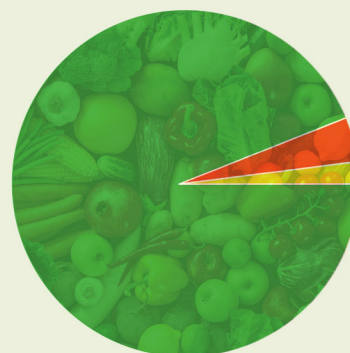
Non-Operating Revenues	\$322,650
Beginning Net Assets	\$4,119,695

Ending Net Assets	\$6,312,195
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*Surplus is largely due to grants received in 2020 that are restricted for 2021

WHERE THE FUNDS GO

94¢ of every \$1.00 goes to food distribution.



94%
Food Distribution

4%
General & Admin

2%
Fund Raising



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

28% Of those we serve are kids

568 Served annually through the backpack program

46 Partner school sites

2,163 Backpacks distributed per month during the school year

26,163 Average number of snacks served each month

"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

24% Of those we serve are seniors

1st Senior food pantry launched in Abilene

860 Senior backpacks distributed in Callahan County

54,000+ Pounds of food distributed at 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

5.5 MIL Pounds of food distributed

65,303 Meals per month served through meal sites

24% Increase in food distributed from pre-pandemic levels

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

1 MIL+ Pounds of fresh produce distributed

6,200 Families served at partner agencies

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

Mary Hays, Comanche County Mobile Pantry



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 quickly 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.



GIVE FUNDS



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

GIVE FOOD



Food drives are a great way to involve your children, friends, and family in the fight to end hunger. Whether you host a traditional food drive to collect canned goods or hold a virtual food drive to raise funds on Facebook, you can make a big difference.

"Communities of Abilene Federal Credit Union strongly believes that we have a moral obligation to help others in the community that are less fortunate than us and may be going through tough times. We feel privileged to support an organization (through food drives) that has such a big impact in the community."

Louis Zientek, President/CEO, Communities of Abilene Federal Credit Union

GIVE TIME



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 hungry!"

Sharon Emmonds, Abilene Evening Lions Club, Volunteer Group

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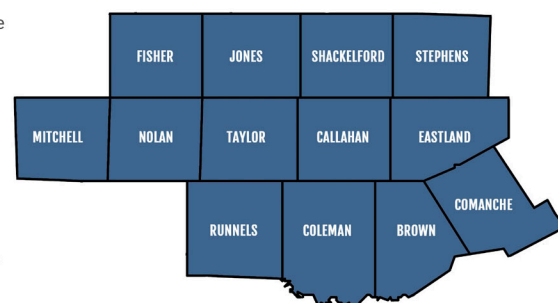
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