

## Houston Food Bank

The Houston Food Bank feeds 137,000 hungry people each week by distributing food through more than 400 hunger relief agencies in 18 southeast Texas counties.

### Mission

Leading the fight against hunger

### What We Do

From our 73,000 sq. ft. warehouse, our fleet of trucks delivers food to 60% of our hunger relief agencies, while the rest come to us to pick up:

- Church and community food pantries
- Soup kitchens
- Shelters for the homeless and abused
- Nutrition sites for children and the elderly

Thanks to strong community partnerships, the Houston Food Bank stretches every \$1 donation to provide a full day of meals for children, adults or seniors.

### Programs

**Backpack Buddy Club:** At participating schools, backpacks are filled for the weekends with kid-friendly food for at-risk children.

**Community Kitchen:** Community Kitchen offers training in culinary skills at the Keegan Center through preparation of nutritionally-balanced meals for Kids Cafe and a variety of nonprofit organizations.

**Kids Cafe:** Healthy meals and snacks served year-round on weekdays, along with nutrition and health education, to as many as 500 at-risk kids at Boys and Girls Clubs throughout the Houston area.

**Operation Frontline:** Six-week courses in nutrition, food safety, meal preparation and budgeting are taught in collaboration with Houston Food Bank member agencies.

**Red Barrel:** Offers a convenient way for grocery shoppers to donate nonperishables to their neighbors in need.

**Second Chance:** Job training and warehouse certification for Texas Department of Criminal Justice prisoners and clients of partner agencies; the launching pad for Serving for Success.

**Serving for Success:** In the pilot phase; provides more food for hungry people through a collaboration that prepares individuals within the criminal justice system and others for success in the workplace and the community.

**Social Services Outreach:** Raised awareness and assistance in application for state-funded social and health services.

Food **distributed** in '08-'09:  
**46 million lbs.**  
in ongoing distribution  
**20 million lbs.**  
in disaster relief

We're **efficient:**  
95 cents of every dollar  
feeds the hungry

**By 2018, our goal is to triple food distribution to 120,000,000 pounds annually**