

## Houston Food Bank

The Houston Food Bank feeds 80,000 hungry people each week by distributing food through 400 hunger relief agencies in 18 southeast Texas counties.

### Mission

Leading the fight against hunger

Food **distributed** in '07-'08:  
**36 million pounds**

### What We Do

From our 73,000 sq. ft. warehouse, our fleet of trucks delivers food to hunger relief agencies:

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

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

Thanks to strong community partnerships, the Houston Food Bank is able to stretch 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.

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