

Houston Food Bank

The Houston Food Bank feeds 137,000 hungry people each week by distributing food through nearly 500 hunger relief agencies in 18 southeast Texas counties.

Mission

Leading the fight against hunger

What We Do

From our 308,000 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
- Meal 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.

Keegan Kitchen: Prepares meals for programs run externally like Meals on Wheels and US Vets. This is also where meals are prepared for Kids Cafe. 64,000 meals were prepared in June 2011.

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 locations throughout the Houston area.

Nutrition Education: Teaches nutrition habits to promote health, which may reduce risk of diseases, such as diabetes. Training is based on USDA nutritional guidelines.

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

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.

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP): Government program designed to assist income eligible seniors receive a box of food each month.

Food **distributed** in '10-'11:
70 million lbs.

That's more than
50 million meals served

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

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