Thank you!

More than a million people live with uncertainty about getting enough nutritious food in the 18 southeast Texas counties served by the Houston Food Bank. With your help, the Food Bank provides food assistance to a large percentage of these families and individuals. We want to do much more, especially for children, our most vulnerable population.

The Houston Food Bank board’s strategic goals include providing 5,000,000 meals for children by 2018. To propel us toward that goal, in fiscal year 2015-2016 the Food Bank launched a campaign to raise money for a new kitchen that greatly multiples our ability to prepare meals for our Kids Cafe effort. We also feed hungry kids through our Backpack Buddy program, which gives food sacks to schoolchildren for the weekend.

Thanks to your support, we provided 79 million meals through our core program – food distribution to hunger relief charities such as food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters. We are delighted to report that fresh produce comprised nearly half of all nutritious food provided to the community.

In addition, we moved full steam ahead with our new Food for Change program, which supplies food scholarships designed to encourage clients to complete life-improving programs. A key Food for Change pilot in community colleges supports students enrolled in educational programs for living-wage jobs.

You are the driving force behind these accomplishments. Your passion inspires us to do even more to fulfill our mission: Leading the fight against hunger. We can’t wait to see how much we can do together in the future.

A Bigger Kitchen For Filling Hungry Tummies

This little guy is chowing down on one of the delicious, nutritious hot meals prepared in our Keegan Kitchen for our Kids Cafe program.

A campaign began in fiscal year 2015-2016 to raise funds to expand the kitchen to a capacity that supports 20,000 meals a day in the future. Plans for expansion included sale of the Mary Barden Keegan Center located on the North Freeway near downtown Houston.

The new kitchen was relocated inside of the Houston Food Bank’s main warehouse facility at 535 Portwall Street, making its operation more efficient and providing better access to Food Bank volunteers.
The Houston Food Bank positively impacts the lives of many southeast Texans in our 18-county service area every day. During the 2015 – 2016 fiscal year, we and all of our supporters worked hard to keep leading the fight against hunger by serving 800,000 individuals. Because people often have to make difficult choices between feeding themselves and their families and paying for other necessities, food assistance can lift a big weight from their shoulders.

With your help, we are not only filling pantries, but also filling lives.

**The Food Bank’s Contribution to the Community**

- 79 million nutritious meals provided
- 600 partner agencies work with the food bank to provide food to people throughout our 18-county service area
- 3.2 million meals provided to kids through our Backpack Buddy and Kids Cafe programs
- 39.7 million pounds of fresh produce provided
- 11.6 million SNAP meals provided
- 800,000 individuals served

**Because of You**

- 452,000 hours of volunteer time, equivalent to 217 full time employees
- 70,000 individual people volunteered

Volunteers produced 1 meal each minute

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1 dollar provides three meals

95¢ of every dollar feeding people

Four Star Charity

40% of what we distribute is fresh produce

Filling pantries. Filling lives.

Houston Food Bank

Feeding America Food Bank of the Year 2015
Houston Restaurant Weeks: Delicious Donations
From August through Labor Day 2015, diners flocked to 225 restaurants participating in Houston Restaurant Weeks and ordered enough meals to generate $1.9M for the Houston Food Bank. Founded by food journalist Cleverley Stone, the event raised more than $7.6M from 2003-2016, making it the largest annual fundraiser for America’s largest food bank, and the largest restaurant weeks in the U.S.

Law Firms Fight Hunger
Lawyers and others from 242 law firms and legal departments competed to raise money, food and volunteer hours during Food From The Bar. Results: $96,061 in cash, 5,066 pounds of food and 1,366 volunteer hours, which generated the equivalent of 374,378 meals for our community.

Good Things Come From Sysco
Sysco Corporation generously committed to donate a total of $750,000 over five years to the Houston Food Bank. The multi-year partnership will enable the Food Bank to acquire 937,500 pounds of produce or the equivalent of 25 tractor/trailer loads of fresh fruits and vegetables for people in need. In addition, Sysco provided the foundation for a matching gift challenge to raise funds during the summer, when the demand for food increases.
The Food Bank Has a H.E.A.R.T.
HFB has found yet another way to enrich our community partnerships. Our vending machines are stocked and maintained by clients of H.E.A.R.T., a vocational training program for young adults with developmental disabilities. The acronym stands for Housing, Entrepreneurship And Readiness Training. The organization also uses our classrooms for HISD educational sessions.

Share Your Holidays
Holiday spirits were high at ABC13 during the Share Your Holidays Food Drive, a tradition that hit the 35-year mark in 2015. The event generated 1.3 million meals — that’s $334K (including a hefty $100K gift from Chevron) and 390K in food pounds. Volunteers on a phone bank took calls from 22,000 families who requested holiday meal boxes, which included fresh produce and protein.

Healthy, Affordable Cooking with the Pros
The Cooking Matters program, supported locally by the Houston Texans, brought Houston Texan Jon Weeks and his wife Amanda to share family recipes at a class where low income families learned skills for preparing nutritious, affordable meals at home. Families learn to maximize the benefits they receive through SNAP (Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly food stamps) and WIC (Women, Infants and Children), both federal hunger relief programs.
The Houston Food Bank takes steps to ensure that we carefully steward our resources and demonstrate integrity in all that we do. We uphold our mission with the trust of our staff, board, donors, volunteers, recipients and partners.

**Where our funding comes from**

![Income Chart]

**Income**

- Donated food/household items: 84%
- Contributions (including in-kind): 11%
- Government grants/contracts: 3%
- Agency fees: 1%
- All other sources: 2%

- **Total Income**: $196,937,492

**Expenses**

- Food Bank operations: 96%
- Management and general: 2%
- Fundraising: 2%

- **Total Expenses**: $196,045,387

**Ending net assets**: $65,056,383

**Nutritious meals**: 79,350,018

*Nutritious meals include nutritious food distributed in addition to meals made possible through SNAP benefits (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly food stamps)*

**Nutritious food: Lots of fresh produce**

![Nutritious Foods Chart]

- Fresh fruit and vegetables: 49%
- Dairy and eggs: 8%
- Fresh and frozen meat: 9%
- Shelf-stable, frozen and other foods: 34%

**How we use our resources**

- **Food Bank operations**: $188,518,020
- **Management and general**: $4,246,164
- **Fundraising**: $3,281,203

**Income**

- Donated food/household items: $165,434,250
- Contributions (including in-kind)*: $20,152,697
- Government grants/contracts: $6,735,935
- Agency fees: $2,203,068
- All other sources: $2,900,731

*includes kitchen capital campaign

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