



Fighting Hunger ... Feeding Hope

SAN ANTONIO FOOD BANK

Established 1980
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OUR MISSION

To fight hunger in Southwest Texas through food distribution, programs, education, and advocacy.

Facts about the San Antonio Food Bank

Founded in 1980, the San Antonio Food Bank is the oldest of Texas' 19 America's Second Harvest - The Nation's Food Bank Network Food Banks.

The SAFB is also one of the largest food banks in the America's Second Harvest national network of more than 200 food banks. The San Antonio Food Bank is ranked 8th largest in the U.S. for pounds received for FY06.

The mission of the SAFB is "To fight hunger in Southwest Texas through food distribution, programs, education, and advocacy." The San Antonio Food Bank serves the City of San Antonio and 16 surrounding counties.

The Food Bank distributes fresh, frozen, canned, and boxed food to needy families through a network of more than 350 partner agencies ~ senior citizen centers, church pantry programs, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, orphanages, after-school programs, day care centers, and rehabilitation facilities. By partnering with the SAFB, these agencies save more than \$50 million in food purchase costs. These values represent 26 million meals a year going to poor and hungry individuals and families in the San Antonio area.

The SAFB's 16-county area is affected by high rates of hunger, poor nutrition, and related health problems. Overcrowded, sub-standard housing is the norm, not the exception, and problems like broken families, homelessness, substance abuse, unemployment, crime, and adolescent pregnancies round out this picture of hopelessness. Finally, the SAFB's target jurisdiction has disproportionately large percentages of impoverished senior citizens.

Every week, the Food Bank provides assistance to more than 25,000 individuals facing emergency or financial calamity.

The Food Bank's most needed items include peanut butter, cereal, chili, canned stews and soups, canned meats, tuna, beans, rice, pasta, macaroni & cheese, and full meals in a box.

For every dollar donated to the Food Bank, \$13 worth of quality groceries can be assembled for needy families.

A \$25 contribution to the Food Bank will provide 175 meals for hungry people. A \$50 contribution equals 350 meals for hungry people. A \$100 contribution will feed 700 people!

Now, because of the stagnant economy and area layoffs, the Food Bank is swamped with requests for emergency food. Even though the SAFB is salvaging and distributing more food than ever before (33,500,000 pounds in FY 2006), census and poverty statistics clearly show the food bank is a long way from meeting the need. Meeting the need in our area, using respected methodology, equates to recovering and distributing a little over 40,000,000 pounds of food to the area's hungry and poor.