

# 2011 Annual Report



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The South Texas Food Bank currently serves **eight** counties in the south Texas region:

Webb  
Zapata  
Jim Hogg  
Val Verde

Starr  
Maverick  
Dimmit  
Kinney

In 2011, the South Texas Food Bank served an average of:

- 24,000 families and 7,000 seniors every month
- 1000 children daily at 13 Kids Cafes sites



## Our Mission

To alleviate hunger in all the eight South Texas counties the Food Bank serves by collecting and distributing food through partner agencies and programs while creating awareness and educating the community on the realities of hunger

# Our Programs

## Food Pantries

Our main partners in distributing food to needy families are our 80 agencies located throughout our eight county service area which includes Val Verde, Kinney, Maverick, Dimmit, Webb, Zapata, Jim Hogg and Starr counties. These counties stretch about 300 miles along the Rio Grande River with Laredo situated midway.

## Adopt-A-Family

The AAF program allows the community to actively participate in addressing the hunger problem that exists in our communities by sponsoring or adopting a family for \$120.00 per year. The adopted family will receive a food bag each month for one year.

## Commodity Supplemental Food Program

Through our CSFP program, the food bank distributes a food bag once a month to over 7,000 mostly elderly individuals and some women and children that meet the USDA poverty guidelines.

## Kids Cafe

Kid's Cafe is an after school feeding program for children under 18. We have 13 sites and approximately 1000 hot meals are served daily free of charge five days a week. The majority of those fed are children who are "food insecure" in their households. Children also receive tutoring and recreational activities at some sites.

## SNAP Outreach

Through our SNAP outreach program, the Food Bank goes throughout the community and our service area in an effort to help eligible citizens apply for State and Federal assistance programs such as Food Stamps, CHIPS, TANF, etc.

## Veterans Food Outreach

This program is run in conjunction with the City of Laredo's third party funding and some other private local donations. When a veteran or veteran's family living in Laredo is in need, the program assists them with a supplemental food bag. These food bags are distributed with the help of a partner agency.



# Donation Programs



## Ranchers for the Hungry

Laredo and area ranchers and hunters continue to step up to the plate in providing fresh steer and deer meat to the Food Bank in our mission of feeding the hungry. This meat is made available to our Adopt-A-Family, Kid's Café and Food Pantries. In 2011, 11,252 pounds of deer meat were donated to the Ranchers for the Hungry Program!



## Food Donation

If you are a restaurant owner, food distributor, forwarding agent or custom house broker and don't know what to do with "extra" food products or products that you cannot use, consider donating this food to the South Texas Food Bank. We accept fresh produce plus bagged, canned and frozen product as well. Don't throw it away; call us first! Donation receipts can be provided.



# South Texas Food Bank 2011 Fundraising Events

Tackle Hunger at Hal's Landing  
1<sup>st</sup> Annual International Bass Challenge  
Spring Fundraiser at Hal's Landing  
BMP Radio –STFB Radiothon  
City of Laredo Fourth of July Celebration  
Hunger Awareness 5K Run/Walk  
Laredo Bucks Exhibition Game in benefit of the South Texas Food Bank  
STFB Empty Bowls V featuring Christopher Cross  
Winter Mass Mail Out  
Celebrate the Holidays at Hal's Landing



# 2011 Community Food Drives

Department of Homeland Security  
United Independent School District  
Tx A&M International University  
Laredo Independent School District  
St. Augustine Schools  
Laredo Energy Arena  
Disney Store, PETCO  
New Vision Community Church  
U. S. Post Office  
San Martin De Porres Church  
Girls Scouts of Greater South Texas  
4H Club , TCEQ  
Laredo Medical Center  
Boy Scouts of America  
Great American Cookie Company of Laredo  
Street Kings Bikers  
Charter Premier School  
Families for Autism  
Galvan Youth Village  
Sony Corporation



## “Hokey”

The children of South Texas got a new friend this year: Hokey - The South Texas Food Bank's mascot who is also featured on our logo.

Hokey's mission is simple: create awareness about childhood hunger and promote simple solutions among the youth, such as hosting food drives, to help alleviate hunger in our south Texas communities.



# 2011 Food and Program Service

## SERVICE

Product (Pounds)	
Distribution	9,703,630
Inventory at the End of 2011	1,304,828
Program: Adopt-A-Family	
Clients on File/Served	1,004 Families
On Waiting List	477 Families
Program: CSFP	
Clients on File/Served	6,627 Individuals
On Waiting List	356 Individuals

# 2011 Food and Program Service

## SERVICE

<b>Program: SNAP Outreach</b>	
Applications Processed in 2011	4,656
<b>Program: Kids Café (13 Sites)</b>	
Meals Served in 2011	177,495
<b>Program: Veterans Outreach</b>	
Clients on File/Served	300 monthly



# 2011 Food and Program Service

## SERVICE

<b>Food Banking</b>	
Clients Served	634,049
<b>Emergency Bags (Walk-Ins)</b>	
Applications Processed	1,305
Clients on File/Served (Adults)	2,458
Clients on File/Served (Children)	2,430

# 2011 Partners & Supporters



AT&T

Beaumont Foundation of America

Border Media

City of Laredo

Conoco Phillips

Doctor's Hospital

Disney Store – Laredo

Guadalupe & Lilia Martinez

Foundation

H.E.B. Food Stores

Hal's Landing

Kenedy Memorial Foundation

Lamar–Bruni Vergara Foundation

Laredo Center for the Arts

Laredo Chamber of Commerce

Laredo Energy Arena

Laredo Job Corps

Laredo Medical Center

Laredo Morning Times

Meadows Foundation

NBC (KGNS)

Petco

South Texas Outreach Foundation

Stripes

Target

Laredo I.S.D.

United I.S.D.

United Way

Wal-Mart

Webb County

Univision (KLDO)



# 2011 Food Bank Board Members

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# Our Volunteers

Volunteers have always been the heart of the South Texas Food Bank.

Laredo and surrounding communities are very generous when it comes to people willing to give some of their time to help the needy.

In 2011, community members assisted the hungry in our communities by volunteering over 22,000 hours to help us with our mission.





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