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# **The South Texas Food Bank Offers Emergency Assistance to Furloughed Government Employees**

**Laredo, TX (January 15, 2019):** With the government shutdown reaching an unprecedented 25 days and thousands of government workers going without pay, many in our community are looking to make ends meet, unsure of how they will pay for mortgages, utilities and groceries.

Amidst this insecurity, The South Texas Food Bank, whose mission is to alleviate hunger throughout South Texas, is stepping in to help by providing emergency food assistance to those affected by the shutdown.

“For many employees affected by the shutdown, even one missed paycheck can result in food insecurity,” stated Alma Boubel, Executive Director of the South Texas Food Bank. “We want the community to know that we are here to help.”

Emergency grocery boxes with 50-70 pounds of food will be distributed to furloughed government employees. The South Texas Food Bank encourages those who are in need to seek assistance by visiting the food bank, located at 2121 Jefferson Street, or by calling 956.726.3120 for additional information.

The South Texas Food Bank services an average of 65,000 individuals on a monthly basis throughout the eight counties they service, which include Val Verde, Kinney, Maverick, Dimmit, Webb, Zapata, Jim Hogg, and Starr counties. To help meet the additional need, the South Texas Food Bank encourages members of the community to join their efforts by becoming food bank volunteers or by providing food or monetary donations to help during this trying time.

For more information on the South Texas Food Bank’s programs and additional ways to help, the public can visit the food bank’s website: [www.southtexasfoodbank.org](http://www.southtexasfoodbank.org) or follow the food bank on social media.

