



Dear Food Bank Friends,

Tarrant Area Food Bank has been in the community for 30 years working to eliminate hunger in Fort Worth and 13 surrounding counties. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, we provide food, education and other resources to our partner food pantries, soup kitchens and similar hunger-relief programs. We look forward to fulfilling our vision of a community where no one has to go hungry.

Your food drive is vital to those who will receive food. Most of them are children and elderly. In the 13 counties we serve, more than 265,000 children participate in the National School Lunch program of free and reduced-cost meals (Texas Education Agency Report 2010-2011 School Year). These children are at-risk of hunger at other times during the day.

Nearly two-thirds of households served by our partner agencies have incomes of less than \$15,000 a year. Among households seeking food assistance, 52% often have to choose between buying food and paying for utilities.

Each year more than 800 organizations provide the key ingredients of food and funds to Tarrant Area Food Bank. We are grateful that you are hosting one of these drives.

Thank you,
Bo Soderbergh
Executive Director