



2017 East Texas Food Bank Fact Sheet

The East Texas Food Bank is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that distributes food to over 200 partner agencies in an effort to feed children, the working poor and seniors throughout 26 counties in East Texas. Our mission is to fight hunger and feed hope in East Texas. Our vision is a hunger-free East Texas.

Founded 1988, the East Texas Food Bank distributed 22.4 million meals in FY2017 to our partner agencies and programs. The East Texas Food Bank is a member of Feeding America, the nation's leading domestic hunger-relief charity, which includes over 200 food banks nationwide. The East Texas Food Bank is also a member of Feeding Texas which provides a unified voice among food banks in support of our common mission to end hunger in Texas.

- The East Texas Food Bank serves nearly 200 partner agencies in 26 East Texas counties, covering over 20,000 square miles.
- The East Texas Food Bank serves approximately 253,000 East Texans each year clients through our 200 partner agencies.
- The East Texas Food Bank provided 22.4 million meals in FY2017.
- In East Texas, approximately 473,000 people are at-risk of hunger.
- In the East Texas Food Bank's service area, 1 in 4 children and 1 in 5 adults are food insecure.
- Texas ranks sixth in child food insecurity, according to Feeding America.
- \$1 helps provide 8 meals.
- 95 cents of every \$1 donated goes directly to programs and services that feed our hungry neighbors.
- **How You Can Get Involved**
Give Time... Volunteer and donate your time in our warehouse or at a partner agency.
Give Food... Host a food drive or bring your donations to our distribution center.
Give Money... Every \$1 provides 8 meals.
- **Program Statistics**
 - Backpack Program – Over 182,000 backpacks distributed to nearly 6,300 children in the 2016-2017 school year.
 - Kids Cafe/Snack Program – Over 151,000 meals and 80,500 snacks served in 2016-2017 school year.
 - Summer Food Service Program – Over 118,000 meals and 12,900 snacks served at 72 sites in 2017.
 - Senior Box Program – Over 3,500 senior citizens receiving monthly boxes.
 - Benefits Assistance – Over 3,200 applications submitted on behalf of clients for SNAP benefits in FY2017.

Fighting Hunger. **FEEDING HOPE!**

