2015 FALL NEWSLETTER

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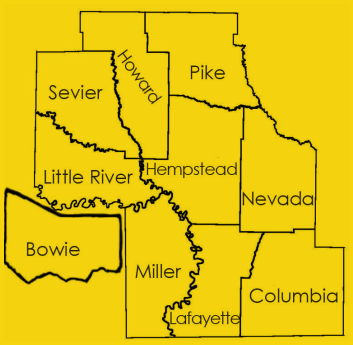
HARVEST REGIONAL FOOD BANK

COUNTIES SERVED



THANK YOU FOR HELPING FAMILIES IN NEED

As Harvest Regional Food Bank has seen over the last several years, hunger is affecting thousands of people that it never touched before. The person standing in line at one of our partner food pantries or soup kitchens could be your child's classmate, a neighbor, a coworker, or even a family member.

Brea and her husband, Michael, do everything they can to take care of their children – Audry 13, Adyen 12, Azlynn 3, Gabriel 2 and Micah 11 months. Even though they both work, it can be a challenge to provide food for their family. After paying for their home, utilities and other monthly expenses there is very little money left and the family struggles to make their food budget stretch.

Thanks to your support of Harvest Regional Food Bank, the family doesn't have to forego groceries in order to pay the bills each month. The couple's church, Faith Assembly of God, became a partner agency of the Food Bank and opened their food pantry in March of 2014. For Brea and Michael, the food pantry is a lifeline.

"It really helps take the stress off," says Brea of the help they receive. "It definitely helps us pay other bills and allows us to have money for other necessities."

Your gifts give the family access to the food they need during rough times. You make it possible for Harvest Regional Food Bank to serve 60,000 individuals and families at risk of hunger in our ten county service area.

"It's a relief to have one less thing to worry about," says Brea.

Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.

GO GREEN Go to HarvestTexarkana.org today and sign-up for our e-newsletter to receive information about our activities and events and how you can help fight hunger.

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On April 10th, civic leaders and community members joined together at Harvest Regional Food Bank's annual Wine & Jazz gala, to help fight hunger. The fundraiser was held at the Silvermoon on Broad, where guests dined on gourmet dishes and wine pairings prepared by chefs Jeff Loving – Twisted Fork, Jennifer Tanner – Julie's, Alberto Mendez – Northridge Country Club, Brock Brewer- Taste & See and Vincent Senatore – Vincent's Fine Wine & Liquor. Live entertainment was provided by Candace Taylor & Trio.

The gala raised over $35,000 to support hunger relief programs throughout Harvest's ten county service area.

Save the Date

24th Annual
The Taste of Texarkana

TUESDAY
October 20
5pm - 8pm
Four States Fairgrounds

Voted one of the top 5 Best Charity Events in Texarkana, Taste of Texarkana brings many local top restaurants and vendors to the Four States Fairgrounds to showcase their culinary cuisine for over 2,000 guests.

Vendors

To reserve vendor space please contact:

Harvest Regional Food Bank
Phone: 870-774-1398
Fax: 870-774-1905
E-mail: harvesttxk@cableone.net

Tickets

On sale September 7th
Adult Tickets $20 in advance $25 at the door
Kids $10
VIP $50
Reserved VIP tables available
Call for more information: 870-774-1398

Benefitting the hunger relief services provided by Harvest Regional Food Bank

KEITH ORR & ANDY WOODMAN

LYDIA LAWRENCE & VERNA KENT

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2014 ANNUAL REPORT

Letter from the CEO and Board President

Dear Supporters, Hunger Relief Agencies and Friends,

For Harvest Regional Food Bank, 2014 marked the completion of 25 years of hunger relief in Southwest Arkansas and Northeast Texas. What started as a group of volunteers delivering food from area vendors and restaurants to a handful of charities, has grown into a fully operational Food Bank, and the designated Feeding America hunger relief organization for the ten county area.

The previous year was marked with growth as well as preparation for growth. With help from friends like you, our financial contributions from individuals, foundations and other funders grew significantly, allowing us to broaden our reach. In fact, Harvest saw an increase of over twenty percent in food provided to hungry individuals and families, from 2.1 million to 2.3million pounds. That is the equivalent of almost 2 million meals.

A large part of our increase came through expanding our Mobile Pantry program, where we deliver food to underserved rural areas. Each mobile pantry distributes approximately 10,000lbs of food to at least 120 food insecure families. In addition, our Backpack Program grew from 500 to 700 food insecure children who receive weekend food to sustain them throughout the school year. And we also welcomed several pantries as new agencies in parts of our service area where hunger relief had previously been sparse.

2014 was also a year to prepare to reach even higher goals in 2015. We began preparations to pass our first scored food safety audit, ensuring that we maintain the highest quality in food safety for our clients. We began transitioning our name to Harvest Regional Food Bank, to better reflect the services we provide to our entire ten county area. And we started the process of securing funding for a new commercial walk-in freezer, which will increase the amount of meats, breads and fresh produce we can provide to food insecure families, and chronically hungry children and seniors.

With such growth, it may seem that our work is done. But in fact, it's just beginning. While we've made great strides in solving hunger, Arkansas and Texas are still at the top of the list for overall hunger and childhood hunger. Simply Put: Hunger is still real, right here in our backyards.

We ask you to continue working with us to make sure no family has to make a choice between food and utilities, no senior has to choose medicine over groceries, and no child has to go to bed with an empty stomach. Keep giving. Keep volunteering. Keep reaching out to others to get involved.

Together we CAN solve hunger.

Sincerely,

Camille Coker Wrinkle,
CEO/Executive Director

Charles Kent,
President of the Board

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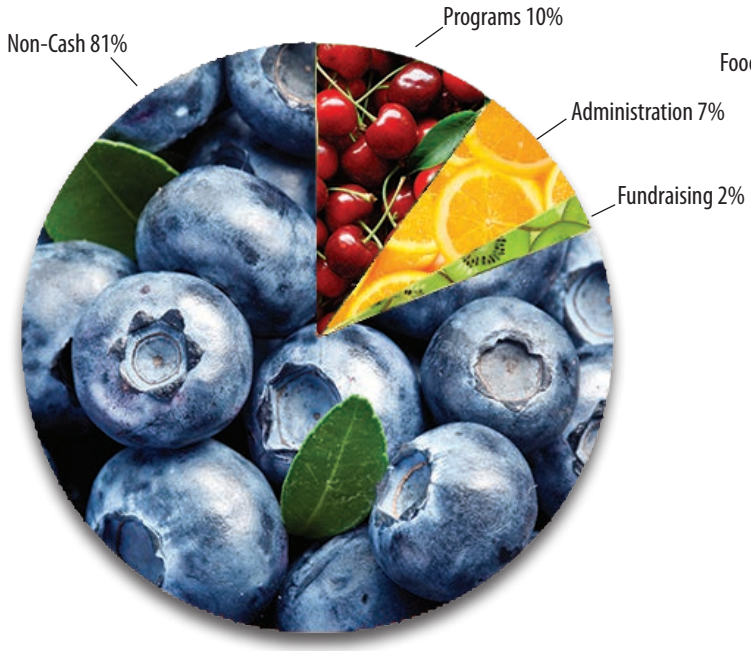
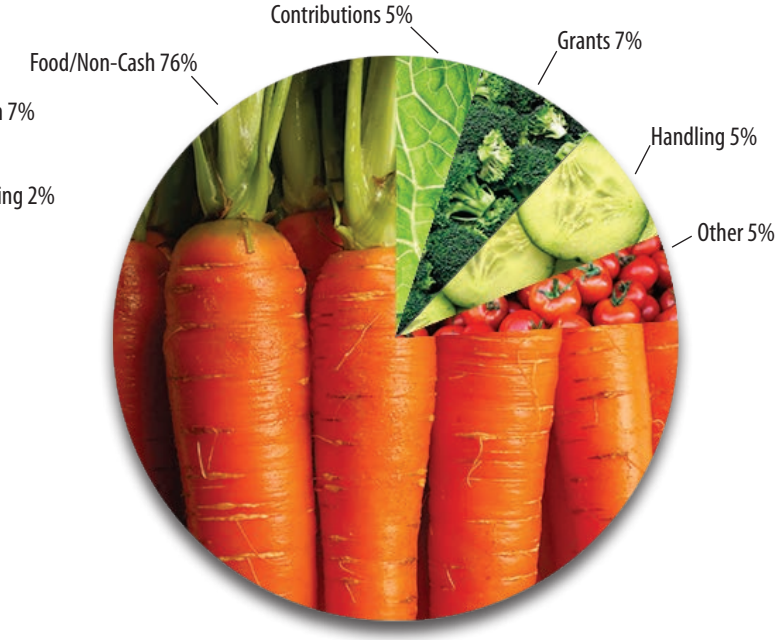
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION, DECEMBER 31, 2014

The value of the food Harvest Regional Food Bank receives and distributes is included as Non-Cash under expenses and revenue.





EXPENSES

Programs: All expenses related to reclaiming, storing and delivering food in the 10 counties we serve.

Fundraising: The cost of fundraising and marketing activities.

Administration: Executive compensation, accounting costs and other expenses not directly connected to food distribution.

Programs	$ $451,410	10%
Admin	$ 306,392	7%
Fundraising	$ 72,694	2%
Non-Cash (Food)	$ 3,644,415	81%
Total	**$ 4,474,911**	

91% OF OUR RESOURCES SUPPORT IMMEDIATE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

REVENUE

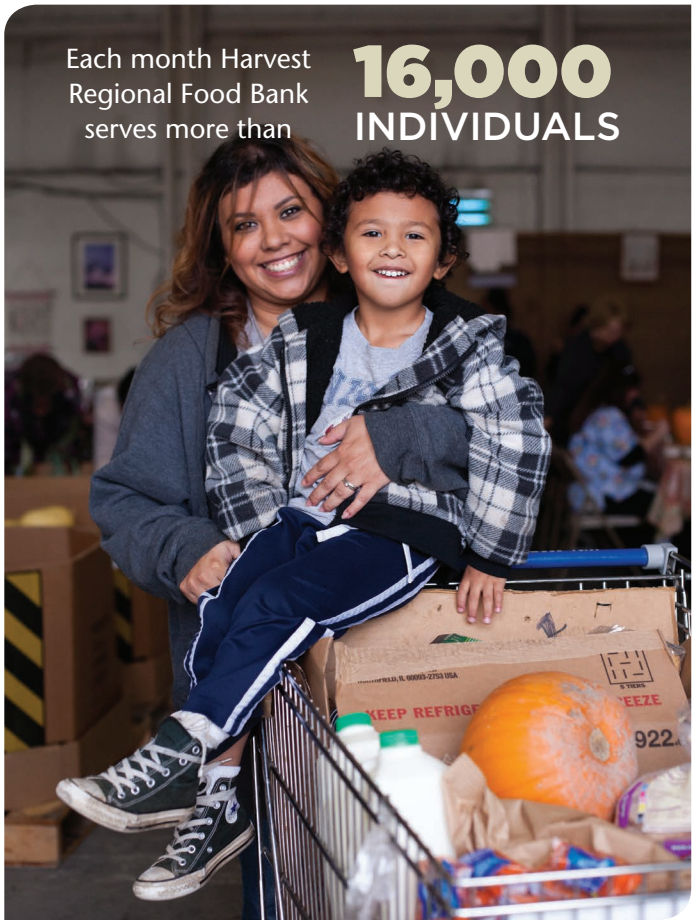
Handling Fees: Cost-sharing with partner agencies, who pay 6 to 16 cents per pound for grocery products.

Contributions: Free-will gifts from individuals, companies, and other organizations.

Grants: Gifts from charitable foundations and government agencies.

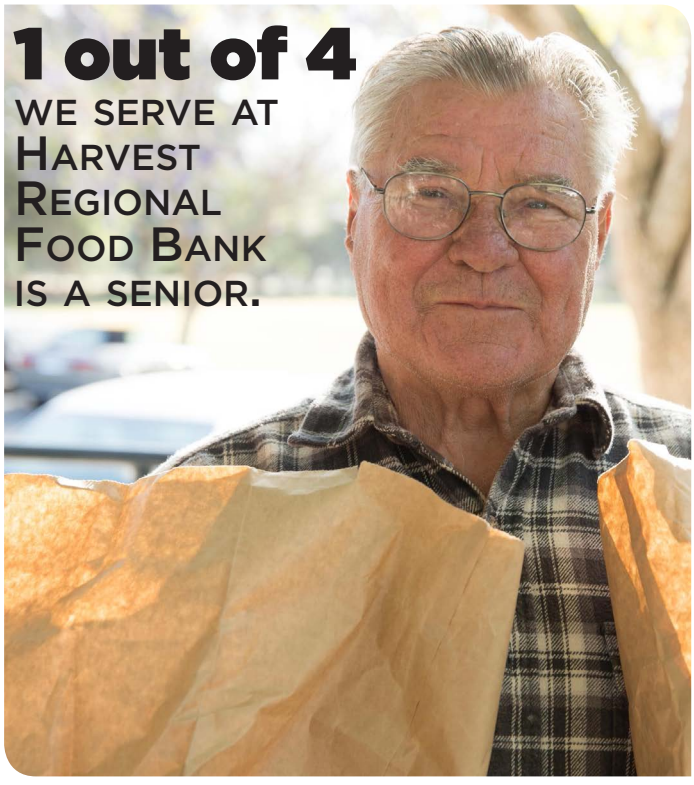
Other: Income from Food Bank Council of Michigan, investments, in-kind contributions, etc.

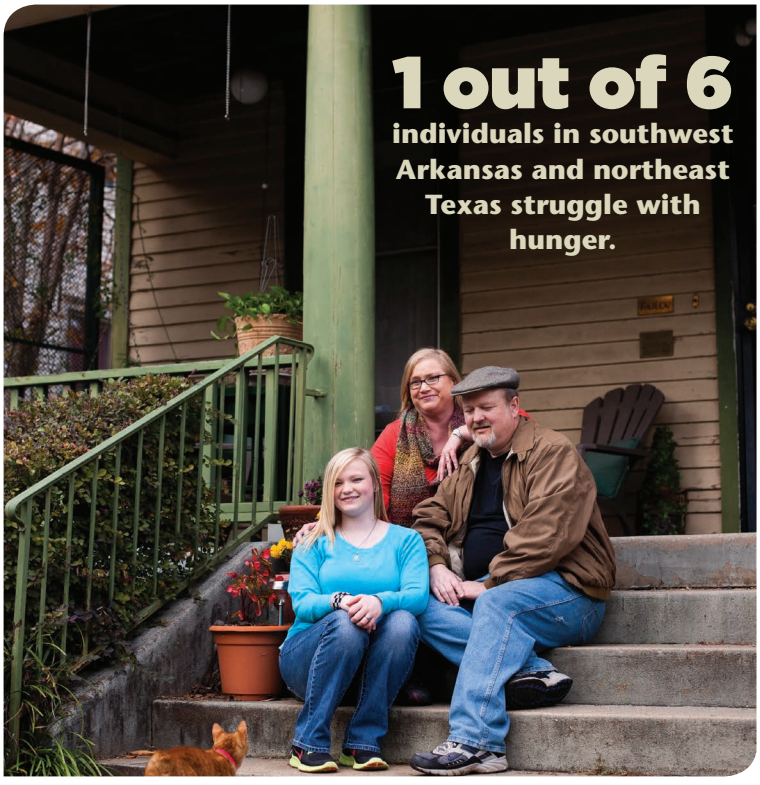
Handling Fees	$ 236,597	5%
Contributions	$ 245,098	7%
Grants	$ 338,434	7%
Other	$ 241,509	5%
Non-Cash (Food)	$ 3,489,078	76%
Total	**$ 4,550,716**	



NOURISHING OUR NEIGHBORS...

Harvest Regional Food Bank works closely with hundreds of volunteers, donors and corporate partners to fulfill our critical mission.



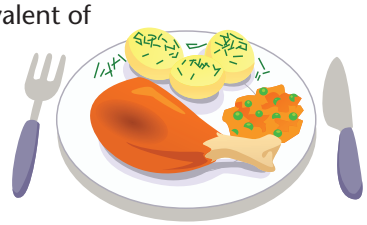


BUILDING HUNGER-FREE COMMUNITIES...

Last year Harvest Regional Food Bank distributed more than

2.3 MILLION
pounds of food

Which is the equivalent of



1.9 MILLION MEALS

We don't fulfill our mission alone. We count on our volunteers, who gave **2,116** HOURS

And we rely on a vast network of nearly

100 PARTNER AGENCIES

in addition to the direct programs we offer at our campus and at various locations.

Our Partner Agencies are spread across our **10** COUNTY SERVICE AREA

and include meal programs, pantries, shelters, religious groups and a variety of other organizations.

THANK YOU FLOWERS BAKERY

We cannot say thank you enough to the Flowers Bakery team in Texarkana, AR for the guidance and support they have shown to our food bank over the past several months. All food banks in the Feeding America network are now required to pass an AIB scored audit by December 31, 2015, which can be a daunting task for a small food bank. The Flowers team, led by Debbie Broussard, spent at least 672 hours writing programs and policies, and assisting with cleaning and maintenance work to get ready for our upcoming audit. There is no doubt they have saved our food bank countless hours and thousands of dollars in outside work we would've incured without their help.

Because of their generosity, Harvest was able to reach a passing score of 965 out of 1000!

HUNGER ACTION MONTH™

FEEDING AMERICA

HARVEST REGIONAL FOOD BANK

SEPTEMBER 2015

HungerActionMonth.org

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1. Go Orange & attend Hunger Action Month Luncheon at Williams UMC 12:00pm.	**2.** Post this calendar on the office or home fridge!	**3.** Turn your porch orange with an orange light bulb from Home Depot for hunger awareness.	**4.** Talk to your employer about matching donations to the Food Bank.	**5.** Get The Dish! Request the print copy of our newsletter, The Dish. Harvesttexarkana.org
6. Organize a food drive!	**7.** Labor Day! Collect food from BBQ guests for the Food Bank.	**8.** Orange Leaf: Go get some frozen yogurt! 5-10pm 15% of all sales will benefit Harvest!	**9.** Donate 10 non-perishable items to the Food Bank!	**10.** Raising Cane's: 15% of sales will benefit Harvest when presenting flyer or mentioning the Food Bank	**11.** Drop off a donation for Harvest at Anderson Orthodontics anytime in September. They will match lb. for lb.!	**12.** Like Harvest Regional Food Bank on Facebook!
13. Grandparents Day! Send a donation to the Food Bank in their honor.	**14.** Texas Roadhouse: 10% of food sales will benefit Harvest when presenting flyer posted on Facebook.	**15.** Fairfield Inn Cereal Drive & Cookout 5:30 at Texarkana, TX location.	**16.** Make coffee at home and donate what you would have spent to the Food Bank.	**17.** Stop in Taste & See! 10% of all gelato sales go to Harvest Regional Food Bank!	**18.** **Donate!** $1=7lbs. of food or 5 meals! Give today! Harvesttexarkana.org	**19.** View poverty statistics for your county at ***Map the Meal Gap!*** *feedingamerica.org/mapthegap*
20. Donate your status for hunger!	**21.** Contact the Food Bank to schedule a tour of our facility!	**22.** Volunteer at the Food Bank!	**23.** Donate a grocery store gift card to the Food Bank.	**24.** Raising Cane's: 15% of sales will benefit Harvest when presenting flyer or mentioning the Food Bank	**25.** Purchase your ticket to Taste of Texarkana. October 20th benefiting Harvest Regional Food Bank!	**26.** Stop by the ATV show at Gander Mtn. and grab some BBQ! A portion of sales will benefit Harvest.
27. Bookmark our website! Harvesttexarkana.org	**28.** Request a guest speaker to your group, class or organization to come and talk about the Food Bank!	**29.** Retweet or share a Food Bank post on social media.	**30.** Watch film ***30 Days on Minimum Wage!***	1 in 6 Face Hunger, All of Us Can Help	THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER: Purchase tickets to the **24th Annual Taste of Texarkana**! Tuesday, October 20th at the Four States Fairground Arena. **Anderson Orthodontics:** Accepting donations and will match lb. for lb. Patients will receive one point on rewards card for each item!	

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