

CLOSE THE GAP

50 Million Meals By 2011.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is *Close the Gap*?

Close the Gap is the North Texas Food Bank's 3-year strategic plan to unite the community to narrow the food gap by providing access to 50 million meals annually.

What is the mission of the North Texas Food Bank?

The mission is to passionately pursue a hunger-free community by distributing food through a network of 1,146 feeding and education programs in 13 counties. Recognized for its efficiencies, every \$1 donated to the Food Bank provides four meals, and 94 cents out of each donated dollar goes directly towards hungry relief.

What is the food gap?

The current need is over 1 billion pounds of food, equivalent to 800 million meals. The gap between what people in poverty need and what they currently access is 29 million meals.

Who benefits from *Close the Gap*?

Ultimately, the hungry person benefits from this initiative. However, a hunger-free community strengthens all sectors of society. Our Member Agencies serve children, seniors, families, the homeless and the working poor.

How does the Food Bank plan to close the gap?

The North Texas Food Bank will close the gap through two key initiatives – increasing distribution and expanding the Food Stamp Outreach program. Agency infrastructure will be strengthened, underserved areas will receive additional support and more nutritious product will be available.

Is this plan achievable?

Yes, with the help of the community – individuals, families, corporations, foundations, students, our Board and staff – this initiative will make a significant impact in the lives of hundreds of thousands of hungry families.

How is *Close the Gap* going so far? In year 1 (FY 09- July 1, 2008- June 30, 2009), 37 million meals were provided! That's 11 million more meals than the previous year.

How can I get involved and help close the gap on hunger?

The North Texas Food Bank offers four key ways to get involved:

- **Give your voice-** become an advocate for a hunger-free world.
- **Give your time-** Volunteer at our warehouse, Community Kitchen or one of our Member Agencies.
- **Give your dollar-** Every \$1 donated equals 4 meals.
- **Give a pound-** Host a traditional or Virtual Food Drive.



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