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**A Statement from Tom Black, Board Chair of the North Texas Food Bank**

On behalf of the North Texas Food Bank Board of Directors and staff, it is my sad duty to report that Jan Pruitt, until recently our President and CEO, has died.

As you may know, Jan stepped down from her position at NTFB last month.

Jan was a one-of-a-kind leader whose spirit and passion for feeding our hungry neighbors will continue to live in each of us as we fulfill her extraordinary legacy through the mission of the Food Bank.

I knew Jan well, and I know that she would want us to forge ahead to close the hunger gap in the 13 counties that the Food Bank serves. To that end and as part of our ten-year plan, the North Texas Food Bank will fulfill Jan's vision of providing 92 million nutritious meals annually by 2025.

Jan has played a significant role in hunger relief in her 20 years at the helm of the North Texas Food Bank, as well as Board Chair of Feeding America. She mentored food bank executives across the country and her team in North Texas, and was an example for all of us. Her shoes will be hard to fill.

We will all miss her more than words can say, as we hold her family in our thoughts and prayers.

The Pruitt family has asked that in lieu of flowers, those wishing honor Jan should make a donation to the North Texas Food Bank at [ntfb.org/janpruitt](http://ntfb.org/janpruitt)