

Feeding Hope

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Our Mission

We combat the hunger crisis in our region by strategically procuring and distributing nutritious food through community partners...

because no one should go hungry.

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A note from Victor

In just a few short years, we have been able to increase our food distribution significantly. In 2016, we distributed 11 million pounds of food or 9,166,600 meals, and in 2017, we are striving to distribute 14 million pounds of food, or 11,666,600 meals.

It is exciting, to me personally, to see the growth of the Food Bank. Our infrastructure will allow us to process and distribute up to 20,000,000 lbs of food. We must look into the future and plan for expansion. The goal to rehabilitate 47,000 square feet of space includes: 7,500 square feet of refrigeration, 10,000 square feet of office space, a commercial kitchen, community room and volunteer center. The expansion will also provide 20,000 square feet of additional warehouse and processing space.

Over the next year, we will be introducing programs to alleviate hunger. One of our priorities is the development of food scholarships. The goal of the program is to identify students in trade schools, community colleges and universities who are at risk of dropping out of school to find immediate employment to feed the family. El Pasoans Fighting Hunger is looking to provide food boxes weekly to keep students in school with the end result of sustained employment and reducing the food line.

El Pasoans Fighting Hunger is collaborating with health clinics around the community to initiate collaborative programs to include SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) classes to encourage healthy eating.

As EPFH has become more established, we have been able to attract more organizations to become pantries. As of this writing, we have partnered with over 120 brick-and-mortar pantries. Every pantry we open allows for more opportunity to serve those in our community who are food insecure. EPFH is also able to distribute food via 148 mobile pantries yearly. We are continually researching project opportunities to find creative ways to distribute food.

I encourage you to visit our new website, www.elpasoansfightinghunger.org to learn more about what we do.

Sincerely,

Victor Nevarez
Chief Executive Officer



FIGHTING SUMMER HUNGER

The Anthony ISD Summer Food Program Kickoff, sponsored by El Paso County Commissioner Carlos Leon, is just **one of the many mobile pantries that help get food to children and families during the summer months.**



Stamp Out Hunger

The 25th annual letter carriers' food drive, Stamp Out Hunger, collected **153,249 pounds of food**. The National Association of Letter Carriers' (NALC), helped give back to communities by encouraging households to fill up a brown paper bag with non-perishable food items.

During the first week of May, households across the El Paso area received a postcard announcing the food drive. Letter carriers then delivered brown paper bags during the week of May 8 in preparation of pickup on Saturday, May 13.

All food donations went to El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank (EPFH), the distribution center for more than 120 local food pantries, to help feed the hungry in the borderland. Non-perishable food items include: canned fruits, canned vegetables, peanut butter, 100% fruit juices, soups, cereals, canned meats, pasta, pasta sauce, canned tuna and oatmeal.

Letter carriers, EPFH employees, and 100 volunteers sorted, inspected and weighed the food donations.

Stamp Out Hunger food drive partners are: the U.S. Postal Service, National Rural Letter Carriers' Association, United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, United Way Worldwide, AFL-CIO, AARP Foundation, Valpak and Valassis.

Making a Positive Difference in our Community

Plastic Molding Technology (PMT) Inc. presented El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank (EPFH) with a \$50,000 cumulative gift, on behalf of CEO and Owner Charles Sholtis and Training & Development Coordinator Mary Sholtis, on Tuesday, June 6, 2017.

Plastic Molding Technology Inc. manufactures precision-engineered, injection-molded plastic components, producing more than 150 million parts per year. The company provides a single-source solution from design engineering, prototyping and mold-sourcing to manufacturing, assembly and JIT delivery.

Charles and Mary Sholtis have been donors of the Food Bank for 12 years and feel the need to "make a positive difference in our community."

"I saw firsthand how effective this organization is," Mary Sholtis said. "From the sheer volume of food processed here in El Paso, to the logistics and storage, to passing it into the hands of those in need, the organization is very successful and growing."

EPFH is able to serve more than 90,000 food insecure through community partners, such as PMT.

"We choose to support an organization working in El Paso for El Pasoans," Charles Sholtis said. "El Pasoans Fighting Hunger is making huge strides in hunger relief in our area and we support their critical mission of ensuring no one goes hungry."



One in every four children and one in every eight adults are unsure of where their next meal will come from.

"Thanks to PMT's significant philanthropy over the years, EPFH is better equipped to serve this community and have an instant impact on our mission of feeding the hungry," Chief Executive Officer of EPFH, Victor Nevez said. "We value their partnership of a shared vision of a hunger-free El Paso."

Pantries Receive Refrigerators from the Burkitt Foundation

El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank (EPFH) received a \$20,000 grant to purchase refrigerators for partner pantries to store and distribute produce.

The grant was part of a larger grant of \$123,924 for the acquisition of food, transportation of food, and EPFH's Capital Campaign and was given by the Burkitt Foundation, a supporting organization of the El Paso Community Foundation.

Veterans Non Profit is one of the 11 pantries receiving a refrigerator. Veterans Non Profit supports low income veterans and their families with their most basic needs and is a partner pantry of El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank, the distribution center for 121 pantries.



The refrigerator was delivered along with produce that was rescued from local grocery chains that would otherwise be thrown out.

"Our mission is to feed the hungry," Chief Executive Officer Victor Nevarez said. "Every day we find ways to enhance our distribution process. The purchase of these refrigerators, as a result of the Burkitt Foundation, gives 11 of our 121 pantries the opportunity to store fresh produce to give a healthy food option to those in need."

National Restaurant Supply helped EPFH purchase the refrigerators at below cost.



Healthy Food, Healthy Choices

The Beaumont Foundation made a \$30,000 grant to EPFH to purchase healthy food, especially produce, to benefit EPFH agencies, mobile pantries, and school pantries. To date, the Beaumont Foundation has given \$120,000 to EPFH.



Awesome 80's Fundraiser

Attend the Food Bank's Awesome 80's Gala on Saturday, October 14 at Southwest University Event Center. Enjoy an evening of fun, food from 16+ restaurants, music, a Casino game night and bid on auction items all to raise funds that stay local to feed those in need! Call 915.298.0353 or email bhernandez@feedingamerica.org to purchase tickets, a table or to donate an item.



Golf Tournament

The inaugural Doing Good Golf Tournament will be on Saturday, September 30 at the Underwood Golf Complex. All proceeds from the tournament will directly benefit the Food Bank. To reserve a team or to play as an individual please email bhernandez@feedingamerica.org or call 915.298.0353.



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Sustained Giving

Our new website allows donors the option to make a sustained gift through monthly payments. **We currently are seeking 2,500 donors to make \$20 monthly contributions:** that would result in \$600,000 for El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank! "The sustained giving initiative has an instant impact on the food insecure families in our community. As a matter of information, every one dollar raised translates into 11 meals. That is a tremendous rate of return by anyone's standards." Terri Wyatt, Chief Development Officer.