

WHAT IS A FOOD BANK?

A Food Bank is a non-profit, central clearing house which solicits, collects, and stores edible salvaged and surplus foods. The food is distributed to non-profit, tax exempt agencies that provide meals, or emergency food to needy, elderly, or sick clients without charge. The Food Bank of the Golden Crescent is currently serving 90 plus agencies and churches. There are currently 20 food banks in Texas.

WHERE DOES THE FOOD COME FROM?

H.E.B. Groceries was the dominant provider in the creation of the Food Bank ten years ago, and continues its commitment in supporting the needs of Food Banks. We are an Certified Affiliate of Second Harvest National Network of Food Banks. Second Harvest receives food from national corporations in the food industry and it is passed on to local food banks. We also receive food from local wholesalers, retailers, food brokers, and individuals.

WHAT FOODS ARE DONATED?

Donors provide wholesome, edible food that is in damaged containers, reaching the end of shelf life, production surplus, or errors in processing or packaging. A Second Harvest report estimates that 40 million pounds of edible food is wasted per year. This food is worth \$31 billion and if redistributed, would feed all of the 20,000,000 estimated hungry people in our country.

WHAT ARE THE TAX ADVANTAGES?

The Tax Reform Act of 1976 encourages the food industry to donate excess and out-of-date edible food to the food bank network. Section 2135 of the Act encourages the contribution of inventory items allowing the donor to write off their costs plus one-half of their mark off.

WHO RECEIVES THE FOOD?

Food Banks distribute food to member non-profit, tax exempt agencies who provide food without charge to the ill, needy, elderly, and children, either in the form of prepared meals or in emergency food boxes. Churches, Soup Kitchens, halfway houses, Senior Citizen groups, community centers, and emergency food pantries can all utilize food bank services.

Groups seeking Food Bank membership must document food needs, tax exempt status and agree to conform to food bank distribution requirements. The Food Bank of the Golden Crescent and Member Agency must not exclude services based on race, national origin, color, sex, age, disability, creed, religion, or political affiliation of the individuals they serve.

WHAT SAFEGUARDS DO DONORS HAVE?

The Good Faith Donor Law of Texas exempts food donors from liability if food given is apparently wholesome and edible. Food Bank staff and volunteers are trained in food safety and all food is carefully inspected prior to distribution.

WHY SHOULD YOU SUPPORT A FOOD BANK?

Food Banks provide a positive alternative to food waste. They help charitable agencies stretch their limited food dollars and meet the increasing need for food for their clients. Food Banks must have financial and food donation assistance from the community to meet their overhead expenses. There are many people in Texas who are hungry and Food Banks help alleviate that hunger.

For example, in 2007, the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent distributed 3,527,920 pounds of food to charitable agencies. Without the Food Bank, this food would have been destroyed. As a result of our efforts, and those of our affiliated agencies, this food went to the hungry who needed it.

MISSION OF THE FOOD BANK

The MISSION of the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent is to “Help Heal the Hurt of Hunger.”.

We collect, clean, inspect, repackage, store, and distribute food and related items to agencies which in turn distributes them to individuals who are needy, sick, indigent, elderly, children, or anyone needing assistance with food. The purposes for which this organization exists is exclusively charitable within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

COUNTIES SERVED BY THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK OF VICTORIA.

CALHOUN	GONZALES	REFUGIO
COLORADO	JACKSON	VICTORIA
DeWITT	LAVACA	WHARTON
GOLIAD	MATAGORDA	

SOME FOOD SERVICE DONORS

H.E.B. SALVAGE CENTER / H.E.B. GROCERY
TEXAS DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES - USDA
HOUSTON FOOD BANK
FOOD BANK OF CORPUS CHRISTI
SAN ANTONIO FOOD BANK
SAM'S CLUB
HARWELL'S CUSTOM PROCESSING
WAL-MART SUPERCENTER
PERFORMANCE FOOD GROUPS-VICTORIA
VICTORIA I.S.D.
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE
VICTORIA MALL
BOY/GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA
GREAT AMERICAN CHOCOLATE CHIP
COOKIE CO.

**HUNGER
HURTS**



**TOGETHER WE CAN
ALLEVIATE THE PAIN OF
HUNGER IN OUR AREA**

2007 Facts At A Glance

Pounds of food distributed in 2007
3,527,920
(Equivalent to 106 eighteen wheelers!)

Pounds of food distributed at no
Shared Maintenance Fee
1,909,194 (54%)
(Equivalent to 57 eighteen wheelers!)

Individuals fed in 2007
Over 250,000

Volunteer Hours contributed in 2007
2,497
Approximate value:
\$46,868

2008 Budget
\$539,096

HOW YOU CAN HELP! VOLUNTEER

Pick-up/Delivery
Sort, Inspect, Clean Salvage Items
Stock Inventory In Food Bank
Assist In Office
Enlist Community Support/Food Drives

Monetary Donations

For every \$1.00 donated to the Food Bank,
we can distribute \$17.00 worth of food!

Please clip and mail your tax-deductible donation to:
The Food Bank of the Golden Crescent
P.O. Box 5085, Victoria, Texas 77903

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Amount: \$ _____



Thank you for your support
of our mission to "Help
Heal the Hurt of Hunger" in
the Community!

ADVISORY BOARD

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VOLUNTEERS

60 plus volunteers clean, inspect, and repackage
groceries and related goods.

**THE
FOOD BANK OF THE GOLDEN CRESCENT
IS**

****A UNITED WAY AGENCY**
**AN AMERICA'S SECOND HARVEST CERTIFIED
AFFILIATE FOOD BANK****



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**Formerly Community Food Bank of Victoria.
Name changed to better reflect our service area.