

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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Entering 2024 With Hope

Dear caring Friends,

I want to extend my heartfelt wishes to you for a joyous and prosperous New Year. Your continued support and commitment have made a big impact on the lives of countless individuals and families facing food insecurity in our community. We enter 2024 with a sense of hope and determination. Together, we can build a stronger, more resilient community where no one goes hungry. I am confident that we will make significant strides in alleviating food insecurity this year.

2023 was undoubtedly a year of transformation and adaptation, marked by high levels of inflation, global food shortages, and the continued recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. While the situation has improved significantly, food insecurity continues to be an alarming concern for our community, with 35% of our community facing food insecurity.

I am immensely proud of the incredible work we have accomplished. In 2023, we distributed over 100 million pounds of food, providing relief to a record number of individuals and families. But this is just the beginning. As we enter 2024, we must recognize that the need is still great, and we commit to continuing the hard work to find innovative ways to address this challenge.

Our food bank will continue to explore partnerships to expand our reach and foster sustainable food, programs, and funding sources. We will enhance our outreach programs, ensuring that we leave no one behind.

Thank you for your unwavering support, and I look forward to the important work we will accomplish together in 2024.

Susan Goodell
Chief Executive Officer





Migrant support

The food bank continues to play a critical role in providing support for migrants through various initiatives. One way we assist migrants is by sending our food trucks out multiple times a day to distribute food and hygiene products to those in need directly on the streets. Additionally, the food bank continues to support shelters and processing centers, supplying migrants with food during their temporary stay in El Paso.

One of our partners is the Opportunity Center for the Homeless. John Martin, Deputy Director of the Opportunity Center for the Homeless says, "The Opportunity Center for the Homeless has partnered with El Pasoans Fighting Hunger regularly during my tenure (close to ten years) at the Opportunity Center. Most recently, we have worked together to support our migrant brothers and sisters that are arriving at our doorstep. **Both organizations recognize the value of working together as we focus on marginalized communities within El Paso, demonstrating resiliency and strength and the ability to adapt to the ever-changing needs within our community.**"

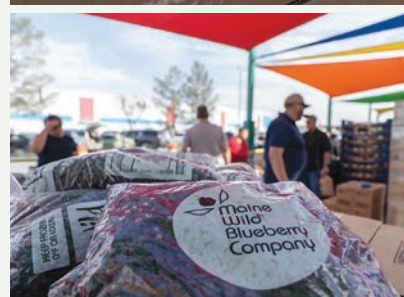


Food Insecurity Study

The University of Texas El Paso (UTEP) published a comprehensive study on food insecurity in May 2023, highlighting the prevalence and impact of this issue on our community.

The study shed light on the 35% of individuals that face food insecurity and lack access to affordable, nutritious food. In response, a follow-up study is being conducted to further examine the costs associated with food insecurity in our community. By delving into the economic and social repercussions of this issue, these new findings will provide valuable insight and help facilitate effective solutions.

Once the results of the study are released, we will share them with our supporters, allowing for a better understanding of the full extent of food insecurity and its negative impact on our community in terms of education, healthcare, and our workforce.





Food Bank Partners

Partnerships play a crucial role in the growth and success of a young and expanding food bank, like El Pasoans Fighting Hunger. By connecting and working with diverse partners, the food bank can maximize its impact, tackle hunger more effectively, and build a stronger, more resilient community.

These diverse partnerships help our clients have access to a broader range of resources and allow partners to reach underserved populations, while also building community engagement.

Current food bank partners provide the following services for free at our main distribution site:

- ✓ Vaccines and health screenings
- ✓ Award-winning children's books
- ✓ Live entertainment and music performances for our clients
- ✓ Assistance registering for free internet
- ✓ Nutrition Education
- ✓ Voter registration assistance



Welcoming our Newest Board Member

Peter Spier President, Avanta Residential

Peter Spier is responsible for the oversight of the company's investment and development strategy, deal-sourcing, capital market activities, and operations.

Mr. Spier previously served as Managing Director of Avanta and Senior Vice President of Hunt Companies, Inc. He has 20 years of experience acquiring, developing, operating, and financing multiple types of real estate, including multifamily, affordable housing, high-rise office, medical office, and mixed-use projects.

Mr. Spier holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and a Master of the Arts in Applied Economics from Southern Methodist University.



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