



Feeding Hope

A NOTE FROM VICTOR

The Faces of HUNGER



Dear Friends,

The year 2016 was a very successful one with many milestones met. These include the record distribution of food approaching 11 million pounds, robust growth in our mobile and school pantries, and an increase in philanthropy, vital to core operations of the Food Bank.

Having achieved these successes, it is time to shift direction from building a physical presence to implementing programs that continue to reduce the need for nutrition assistance. With the addition of a Chief Development Officer and other key organizational changes, our goal in 2017 is to establish programing that will assist those in need to develop themselves into self-sustaining individuals and households. The lines of those hungry in our community are still long, but we have every hope that our initiatives will succeed and we can stabilize lives.

Among the areas of focus will be providing food scholarships to students that find it difficult to both continue in their studies and provide food for themselves and their families. We will distribute more produce to our clients to achieve nutrition goals and develop young minds. We will develop nutritious food boxes for those suffering from food and nutrition related medical conditions.

As always, we look to you to become a partner in this vision. Nothing is more important than the health and well-being of our community.

Sincerely,

Victor Nevarez

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Chief Executive Officer





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.**

How does your donation make an impact?

\$1 = 14 POUNDS OF FOOD \$1 = 11 MEALS \$1 = \$23 WORTH OF GROCERIES



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Food insecurity affects 1 in 8 adults in El Paso and our Social Services Coordinator, April Rosales, assists these individuals who face hunger on a regular basis. "I assisted one client who opened her cabinets to show me that she had no food then three days after helping her with her SNAP application, she had tears in her eyes, thanking me for our assistance," April said. "All of us here at the Food Bank are part of the puzzle to making sure no one goes hungry."

Thank you!

Thank you to Molina Health Care for their in-kind donation of tables and chairs worth \$1,000! We appreciate all of your support.

Special thanks to JoJohn Vega, Vice President of Operations at Mesilla Valley Transportation for assisting us with our trucking needs! Your help means helping us mobilize food to those who are hungry.



New! \$20 A Month Giving Program

EPFH is looking to you to consider becoming a monthly giver of \$20 or more! By committing to make a monthly gift through our secure website, you can join the ranks of cheerful givers who help sustain the Food Bank on a regular basis. You can choose to have your credit card or bank account debited on a specific day of the month. Please call Mark Hohnstreiter at (915) 298-0353 x115 and he will lead you through the process of setting up your monthly giving account.



“The school food pantry was necessary as 91% of our student body is considered economically disadvantaged and there were students who were asking cafeteria staff and teachers for leftover food to take home to their families. I am extremely grateful to the Food Bank and its contributors for their monthly food donations and to Ruben Hidalgo and Robert Maldonado for their assistance in beginning our school food pantry.”

Ana Guzman Gonzalez,
Communities in School Program Coordinator at Mountain View High School

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Challenge Fund Grants Pay Dividends

El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank has been grateful to have been the recipient of three challenge grant opportunities in 2016. The Carl C. Anderson Sr. and Marie Jo Anderson Foundation challenge resulted in \$40,000 in funding for school pantry programs. A challenge grant from the Paso del Norte Foundation helped raise \$22,500. Bank of America's Give A Meal challenge, which presented \$2 for every \$1 raised, reached \$18,873. A special thanks to all of the donors who helped us reach these goals and generate additional funding for programs at EPFH!

Beaumont Foundation Continues its Support of EPFH

The Beaumont Foundation of America approved another \$30,000 grant to EPFH. It is especially valued because it helps purchase healthy, nutritious food, especially produce. Some 217,839 pounds of food were distributed to agencies, mobile pantries, and school pantries. To date, the Beaumont Foundation has funded \$120,000 to El Pasoans Fighting Hunger.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

For the past 6 years, Judy Frank has been volunteering at the Food Bank. Her countless hours of packaging, inspecting and assembling boxes of food is just one of the ways she makes a difference.

"I like helping people wherever I can," Judy said. Each month she brings in a cake and hand crafted cards to celebrate employee birthdays. Her dedication to help and celebrate others brings a smile to our faces!



THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

We are so grateful for every individual that volunteers their time. This year we had more than 6,500 volunteers totaling more than 20,000 hours, or the equivalent of 10 full time employees! None of this is possible without your help. Contact our Volunteer Coordinator to donate your time, 915-298-0353.

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Welcome to the Team!



Terri Wyatt joins us in the New Year as the Chief Development Officer. Terri comes with extensive public relations and marketing experience in the entertainment industry, the medical field and non-profit sector. "I am excited to work with the team and board to build on the excellent foundation that has been laid to feed the members of our community who are food insecure," Terri said.

Welcome to the New Board Members



Teresa Daw Hicks is the owner of Daw's Home Furnishings/Thomasville. Her experience in retail and with various non-profits have given her the knowledge to succeed in administration, marketing, and being an active community member in the El Paso area. She has a passion of helping feed those in need in Juarez, Mexico and will now contribute to helping us in the fight against hunger in our three service areas: El Paso, Hudspeeth and Culberson Counties.



Penny Nevarez is an active member in the community. She brings her community commitment and passion to the Food Bank to help us serve those in need. Penny's background includes the Junior League of El Paso, Leadership El Paso, and current professional experience at Nationwide Insurance Co.

2017 OFFICERS



Mark Matthys is a proven leader in building new business, developing nonprofit boards and securing philanthropic support for community causes. Mark is currently the Business Development Officer for Wells Fargo and his career has focused on nonprofit management, government and technology marketing. He has a knack for guiding collaboration, innovation to solve community challenges and will do this as the president of the board.



Laura Hajjar Rayborn is the owner of Laura's Productions, Modeling, Talent, Promotions, Pageants and owner of Foliage Salon and Day Spa. She has been involved with EPFH for the past five years and has been the Vice President of the board for the past two years.



Magdalena Baca is presently employed by WestStar Bank as Vice President in Commercial Lending with more than 19 years in the banking industry. She has been committed to the community as a board member and secretary for one year.



Robert A. Diaz is the President of the local CPA firm, Robert A. Diaz Co. for 22 years. He has been a board member for approximately four years and two of those years as treasurer.



Abe Howard-Gonzalez has been practicing labor and employment law at Kemp Smith LLP for the past seven years. Abe has been a board member and parliamentarian for four years.



Tanny Berg has been an active commercial real estate developer and investor for over 40 years. He has been on the board for the past 5 years.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Empty Bowls 2017 Saturday, April 29, 2017

Join us for our 13th Annual Empty Bowls event on April 29, 2017 at El Paso Community College Administrative Building "A", 9050 Viscount.

Your ticket purchase includes:

- Tasting soup and mac & cheese from 16 of El Paso's restaurants
- Taking home a one-of-a-kind handcrafted bowl
- Participating in a live and silent auction
- Enjoying live music & more!

This event reminds us of the number of empty bowls across our region. With your help this year, we can take action to make sure no one goes hungry. For more information about the event, visit us at www.elpasoansfightinghunger.org or call (915) 298-0353.



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