



Dallas Food Bank 2024 Annual Report

2024 was an exciting year at our all-volunteer run Dallas Food Bank. Each month approximately 65 volunteers provide 731 hours of support to ensure the families visiting are served with kindness and quality food. Our strong volunteer team brings a vast amount of knowledge, skills and ideas to our operation.

During 2024, our Board of Directors continues researching grant possibilities to work towards a future home for the food bank. Directors have worked with realtors looking at prospective properties. There is an agreement between the Dallas Food Bank and the City of Dallas where the city will apply for a federal Community Development Block Grant towards a suitable site and building of a new food bank. Once a viable property is identified, we will develop a capital campaign that will seek support from individuals, foundations and government to make this long-time dream a reality.

This year, Dallas Food Bank served 1,509 unique families comprised of 4,884 individuals, 32% of whom were children. Families were allowed to shop at the food bank twice a month, resulting in 6,134 shopping visits.

With generous donations from the community, the Dallas Food Bank provided a turkey and the ingredients for a complete Thanksgiving dinner to 201 families, comprised of 740 individuals. We served 61 more families in 2024 than last year.

Dallas Food Bank depends upon monetary and in-kind donations to serve our community. Thanks to food donations from the regional food bank, community food drives, individuals and local grocers, we collected 413,976 pounds of food for distribution. This is a slight increase over 2023. The food bank board of directors also authorized strategic purchases to supplement the donated food supply and for personal hygiene items to ensure our families had access to these basic items.

In 2024, the food bank has spent \$34,356 supplementing the food supply; 73% of which was for protein items. The protein items included peanut butter, chili with meat, milk, eggs, tuna and canned meats. Canned corn and green beans are considered a staple at the food bank and are regularly purchased. The food bank also spent \$5,454 on toilet paper, laundry soap, dish soap and bath soap, since families are not allowed to use their government food cards to purchase these needed personal products. Additionally, we spent \$14,375 on transportation costs that include reimbursement to volunteer drivers who use their own vehicles and \$1,200 per month to the regional food bank as a donation for deliveries.

In 2024, 454,825 pounds of food from all sources were distributed to our food-insecure neighbors.

