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YOUR GIFT TO THE WEST TEXAS FOOD BANK CAN HAVE TWICE THE IMPACT

Silva Law Group, PLCC and The Permian Basin Trial Lawyers Association Commit $100,000 to the West Texas Food Bank and Challenge Community to Help Provide over 1,000,000 meals

Odessa, TX – May , 2020 – Giving Tuesday is coming early this year. The West Texas Food Bank is pleased to announce a challenge match from the Silva Law Group, PLCC and the Permian Basin Trial Lawyers Association in the amount of $100,000 for Giving Tuesday NOW, which will take place May 5, 2020. The challenge match opportunity follows a $100,000 donation from Mr. Silva and The Permian Basin Trial Lawyers Association last week.

West Texas Food Bank Executive Director Libby Campbell said, "I really cannot thank Mr. Silva and the Permian Basin Trial Lawyers Association enough for stepping up to provide this opportunity to help West Texans double their impact. These gifts come at a time when the West Texas Food Bank is having to go to extraordinary lengths to keep our shelves stocked, and to make sure our 80+ partner agencies in 19 counties have what they need. Donations like these help ensure the West Texas Food Bank is able to provide life sustaining, nutritious meals to families in need, and all the gifts we have received from our caring community help the Food Bank continue providing these services to our community for free."

Food donations to the West Texas Food Bank have dropped to almost zero as the retail outlets are selling out of items which are normally donated to food banks. "To keep up with the increasing demand for food, and to offset the decreasing amount of food coming into the food bank, we are having to purchase more food than ever before," said Campbell. "We've served over 10,000 households in the last four weeks, which is up over 30% from the same time last year. We have seen over 1,940 new clients through the panties at the Food Bank locations, and we've served over 1,220 households through our mobile outreaches at 12 rural sites."

"As members of our great community of the Permian Basin, we would like to be able to help our people maintain the stay home policy so that we are all protected. Protect the medical staff and our police force. Our heroes in the battle against this virus. And, the only way we can do this is by helping those that are not able to work, but still need a helping hand. So, on behalf of The Silva Law Group, PLLC and the Permian Basin Trial Lawyers Association we wish all our members of the community the best," Juan V. Silva.

"Again I am so grateful to our community for stepping up during both the COVID-19 crisis and during a really difficult time for our friends and neighbors in the oil field. This really is a double whammy for residents of West Texas, and I am so thankful for those who believe enough in our mission to support us, even when times are difficult," said Campbell.

Should the match be completed, the total donation of $300,000 would help the Food Bank provide around 1,200,000 meals. ###

About the West Texas Food Bank

The West Texas Food Bank (WTFB) is a nonprofit hunger relief organization who distributes donated and purchased food through a network of over 80 Partner Agencies in 19 counties throughout West Texas. WTFB supports the nutritional needs of children, families and senior citizens through strategic partnerships with civic and corporate groups, as well as private donors. Every dollar donated helps provide four meals for the hungry, and 92 cents of every dollar goes directly to feed hungry West Texans. Founded in 1985, WTFB is a member of Feeding America (feedingamerica.org), the nation's largest network of hunger relief organizations. In 2019, roughly 6.5 million pounds of food was distributed to hungry West Texans.