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WEST TEXAS FOOD BANK WEATHERS WINTER STORM

Although the Food Bank Lost Power, the Work Did Not Cease

ODESSA, TX, February 19, 2021 --- The West Texas Food Bank has resumed normal operations after days without power to the Odessa distribution facility. Drive-thru pantries are now being rescheduled, and deliveries to partner organizations have resumed.

“What has kept me up at night are the thoughts of our kiddos and elderly without heat and access to food,” said Libby Campbell, Executive Director of the West Texas Food Bank. “Our team worked hard leading up to the storm to make sure our agency partners would have the things they needed to continue serving. Even with our facility operating on an emergency generator, we were able to distribute over 471,000 pounds of food in the last two weeks. Now with the power restored, we are operating drive-thru pantries at both Midland and Odessa facilities, we have resumed deliveries to our agency partners, and we are checking in on our seniors making home deliveries through our Senior Box Program.”

We want to thank our partner agencies who were able to serve their communities throughout the storm, like Breaking Bread in Midland and the Salvation Army in Odessa. We also want to thank the many community members who stepped up to help their neighbors like Alejandro Barrientos of Curb Side Bistro, and Friend of the Food Bank Judge Sara Kate Billingsley, who cooked thousands of meals for members of the Odessa community. Our community is resilient and strong and the West Texas Food Bank appreciates everyone’s efforts to continue our mission.

If you would like to make a donation please visit our webstie: wtxfoodbank.org.

If you or someone you know is in need of food, please visit the How To Get Help section of our website, or call 432-580-6333 for more information about when and where to get help.

The West Texas Food Bank Drive-Thru Pantries operate four days a week in both Midland and Odessa, and we have numerous mobile distributions throughout the 19 counties we serve.

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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 60 Partner Agencies in 19 counties throughout West Texas. The 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 provides four meals for the hungry, and 93 cents of every dollar goes directly to feed hungry West Texans. Founded in 1985, the WTFB is a member of Feeding America (feedingamerica.org), the nation’s largest network of hunger relief organizations. In 2020, over 10 million pounds of food was distributed to hungry West Texans.