The South Texas Food Bank serving for the past 20 years, is a 501 c-3 non profit organization which distributes supplemental food over 23,000 needy families per month, including children and elderly. Currently we are serving eight counties in Texas.

South Texas Food Bank Service Area

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Ranchers for the HUNGRY

I am interested in joining the Ranchers for the Hungry Program and or would like more information.

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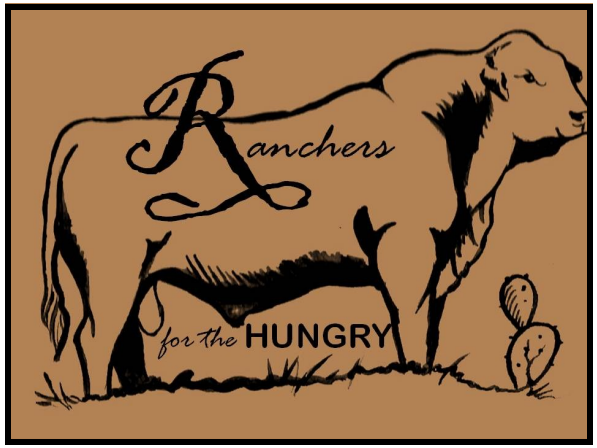

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STFB Mission Statement

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After 20 years, the mission of the South Texas Food Bank continues to be:
To end hunger in South Texas by collecting and distributing food through partner agencies and programs while creating awareness and educating the community on the realities of hunger.
To fulfill this mission, the South Texas Food Bank will:

- Solicit adequate funding, services, and surplus/donated goods from donors;
- Judiciously warehouse and distribute these goods through its Member Agencies;
- Create and administer programs that alleviate hunger in our service area;
- Promote public education on the nature of, and solutions to, the problems of domestic hunger;
- Develop strong partnerships with community leaders and organizations, both within and outside our service area;
- Foster relationships with The Texas Food Bank Network, Feeding America, Texas Department of Agriculture, and the United States Department of Agriculture, and any other agency or individual with a similar mission.

Ranchers for the Hungry started and coordinated by Pancho Farias is the newest program initiated by the South Texas Food Bank.

Ranchers in Webb County are donating one or two steers per year. Recently Zapata County Ranchers joined the efforts and donated over 60 does!

The cattle are being processed by Lalo Meats. Venison is also accepted during hunting season.

Processed ground beef has been served by the **Kids Cafe Program** is an on-site feeding program that provides nutritious, well-balanced meals to children in a safe setting. Children in surrounding neighborhoods can also take part in the after school tutoring program and other activities such as physical fitness, simple meal planning, nutrition training and social skills.
Combined with the energy of local organizations, groups and individuals, *Kids Cafes* are able to provide a local grassroots approach to alleviating childhood hunger and to promote self-esteem and individual development.

Currently there are 13 Cafes in Laredo and surrounding communities. An average of 1,000 children participate in the program.

In February 2011, ground beef was provided to the Adopt-A-Family Program recipients in Zapata County.

The **Adopt-A-Family Program** allows the community to become part of the solution to help alleviate the hunger problem that exists here in our communities. The program is available in each of our eight counties that the South Texas Food Bank works with.

Any person in any of these communities can sponsor, or adopt, a local family for only $120 per year or $10 per month. The sponsor can either pick the family they wish to sponsor or they can pick the next family that has signed up and is on our waiting list.

The adopted family will receive a bag of supplemental food with a value of $78.91 that will help them though part of the month.

The *Adopt-A-Family* program, consists more than 400 families and 800 families are currently on the waiting list.