

Feeding Hope

Winter 2017

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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.

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A note from victor

Dear Friend:

Thanks to your generosity, many El Paso families are being provided healthy, nutritious meals, children know where their next meal is coming from, and seniors no longer have to make hard choices between food and healthcare.

In 2017, we continue to be on track for a record distribution of food. However, we are not anywhere near where we need to be. Our goal is to distribute 20 million pounds or 16,000,000 plus meals by 2020. Your support will help us reach this very achievable goal. It just takes a community working together to do so.



Thanks to generous donors, some of our new initiatives in 2017 are mobile pantries for seniors who live in senior centers, adult day care centers, and in the Housing Authority.

We procure this food using several means. We have over 120 community agencies (the food pantries, churches, social service agencies, and senior centers) who partner with us and receive our distributions. We take food to hard-to-reach, underserved communities with our mobile pantry trucks. We have set up pantries in El Paso school systems, providing children with weekday and weekend meals.

Thanks to generous donors, some of our new initiatives in 2017 are mobile pantries for seniors who live in senior centers, adult day care centers, and in the Housing Authority. Seniors make up 17% of our clients. We can ensure our community's elderly are well fed.

Our ultimate goal is to establish programing that will assist those in need to develop themselves into self-sustaining individuals and households. We consider this a "hand up" instead of a "hand out".

As always, we are grateful to have you as a partner in this vision. Thank you for caring.

Sincerely,

Victor Nevarez



2016 Annual Report

"When I learned that so many El Pasoans, be they elderly or children, face food insecurity as part of their everyday life I knew I had to do what I could to reverse this unimaginable trend. El Pasoans Fighting Hunger's capital campaign is critical to this effort. Every gift makes a difference."

stuart schwartz Chairman, Capital Campaign

WHERE THE *money* GOES

Thank you for partnering with us in the fight against hunger in our community! For every \$1 you generously give, El Pasoans Fighting Hunger is able to provide up to 11 meals. We want to ensure all donors that their dollars go a long way in feeding the hungry. Take a look at our financial statement for 2016.

Income STATEMENT

December 31, 2016

INCOME	YTD ACTUAL
Donations	\$777,221.00
Direct Mail Campaign	\$220,213.00
Donated Commodities	\$11,467,291.00
Other Fund Raisers/Income	\$367,241.00
Grants	\$37,081.00
Shared Maintenance	\$398,130.00
Government Support	\$2,518,117.00
Other Income	\$62,563.00
In-Kind Donations	<u>\$72,550.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$15,920,407.00
EXPENSE	
Personnel	\$949,478.00
Occupancy	\$262,066.00
Transportation	\$163,194.00
Food Acquisition	\$362,854.00
Materials/Supplies	\$41,343.00
Equipment Repair/Maintenance	\$43,664.00
Contract Services	\$11,507.00
Fund Raising	\$148,059.00
Food Distribution	\$13,687,099.00
Special Programs	\$148,510.00
Other Expenses	\$38,878.00
Depreciation	\$120,136.00
In-Kind Expense	<u>\$72,550.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$16,049,338.00
NET INCOME (EXPENSE)	\$128,931.00



Balance SHEET

December 31, 2016

ASSETS	
Cash	\$913,996.00
Accounts Receivable	\$478,030.00
Inventory	\$590,836.00
Fixed Assets	<u>\$2,276,498.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$4,259,360.00
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	\$38,146.00
Long Term Debt	<u>\$869,837.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$907,983.00
EQUITY	
Retained Earnings	\$1,696,503.00
Net Assets	<u>\$1,654,874.00</u>
TOTAL EQUITY	\$3,351,377.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$4,259,360.00





CHILDHOOD HUNGER BECOMES A REALITY

Having an empty stomach is the reality for the 1 in 4 kids who don't know where their next meal will come from.

Sofia and Gonzalo Garcia Elementary School Nurse, Laura Escobar, shares how being hungry affects children in the classroom.

"It's difficult to concentrate," Escobar said. "You're asking your brain to work without the fuel it requires. It's like operating a car on empty."

In addition to having problems concentrating and maintaining focus, headaches and stomachaches are some of the most recognizable symptoms of a child who hasn't had enough to eat.

"Teachers and nurses see first-hand what malnourishment can do to young kids in the classroom," Escobar said. "It's not just the short-term problems the lack of food causes.

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You can have someone eating 3 meals a day but who deal with malnutrition because they are not getting the proper nutrition."



VETERANS HELPING VETERANS

For many veterans it can be difficult to recognize they need help.

"The military trains you to be independent," Founder of the Veterans Non Profit Stephen Mills said. "You're a rescuer, you're not someone that needs help. You want to be there for other people."

The Veterans Non Profit is just one of the 120+ food pantries that helps feed many in our area.

"Food is the hook," Mills said. "We are here to identify those (veterans) in need of help and get them the resources that are available."

That's how Mills, a veteran himself, helped Natasha Rovelli not only get food but also helped her seek out medical assistance for post-traumatic stress disorder, find a job and shelter. Now, Rovelli is working towards her Bachelor's degree in Computer Programming and volunteers at the Veterans Non Profit food pantry.

"I would say they saved my life," Rovelli said. "Honestly, I was so lost and Steve really presented me with the resources to get my life back together."

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VOLUNTEER

Spotlight



Inspecting food and volunteering his time at the Food Bank started off as his corporate responsibility and turned into his personal mission.

Manager of Buffalo Wild Wings, Adrian Herrera, first came to take a tour of the Food Bank at the beginning of the year.

“That day was when I felt I could personally help on my own time,” Herrera said. “The Food Bank connects to families that need help, I’ve seen it happen with giving emergency food boxes.”

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Each emergency food box that is prepared includes about 40 pounds of non-perishable food items.

Herrera’s community involvement began through work but turned into wanting to help more often, from making in kind donations to donating his time at events and sorting food.

“It gave me the opportunity to give back,” Herrera said. “It just feels good to know you are helping.”

FOOD BANK EMPLOYEE GIVES BACK

After losing her job and struggling to put food on the table, April Rosales found herself asking for help for the first time.

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A year later, Rosales was hired as the Social Services Coordinator at the Food Bank and is glad she is able to give back to her community that was able to help her in her time of need.

“That’s what makes this job so rewarding,” she said. “What makes it so beautiful is when I hear stories from the people we help and hear about what’s going on in their lives. I take it to heart because I too have been there.”



AMERIGROUP MOBILE FOOD PANTRY & HEALTH FAIR

The 3rd Annual Amerigroup Mobile Food Pantry and Health Fair fed close to 200 families on Wednesday, September 20 at the Food Bank. Each bag given, held 23 pounds of food. Attendees were able to take free wellness trainings and have free flu shots provided by Albertsons.

“While nobody wants to talk about the fact that there are hungry people in the United States, there are hungry people,” Chief Development Officer Terri Wyatt said. “Our mission is to feed the hungry and ensure they are able to eat nutritionally sound food. Partners such as Amerigroup help us get closer to our mission and feeding those in need wouldn’t be possible if it weren’t for the community support.”

First Golf Tournament is a Success!

The Inaugural Doing Good Golf Tournament in Honor of Gary Del Palacio raised over \$40,000! Over 140 golfers came out to raise money for the Food Bank on Saturday, September 30 at the Underwood Golf Complex.

The month of September, known as Hunger Action Month, is a national initiative to bring awareness and take action in fighting hunger. The golf tournament was just one of many activities and events to bring awareness for Hunger Action Month.



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GALA

The Awesome 80's Gala brought back many 80's inspired outfits to hit the dance floor and raise funds for the Food Bank! The night was filled with 80's music performed by PRIME 80'Z Band, a Casino game area, over 14 restaurants and included a silent and live auction which raised a total of over \$120,000. Thank you to our sponsors, restaurants and guests for making an instant impact!



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Sustained Giving

Our new website allows donors the option to make a sustained gift through monthly payments. **We currently are seeking 2,500 donors to make \$20 monthly contributions:** that would result in \$600,000 for El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank! "The sustained giving initiative has an instant impact on the food insecure families in our community. As a matter of information, every one dollar raised translates into 11 meals. That is a tremendous rate of return by anyone's standards." Terri Wyatt, Chief Development Officer.