

# Feeding Hope

Winter 2019

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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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## Dear Caring Friends,

As 2019 comes to a close, I am thrilled to announce that El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank has had its most successful year to date. This year we will exceed more than 30 million pounds of nutritious food for our community — that's over a 100% increase from our previous year! None of this success would have been possible without the support of our community partners and our generous donors. Your support makes a huge difference and it allows us to continue our mission of feeding thousands of individuals in West Texas who do not have enough to eat.

Although bringing in over 30 million pounds of food is an incredible achievement, it comes with its own unique set of challenges. And I do not underestimate the strain our team is operating under. Our team has been working incredibly hard to ensure our most vulnerable citizens receive the nutritious food they need. That is why volunteers play such a critical role in the food bank's daily work. We are grateful for their generosity of time, talent and willingness to make a difference in our community. They truly are vital to our success.

What we're doing is extraordinary, yet despite our success, the demand for emergency food in El Paso is incredibly high with an estimated 200,000+ people in need in our community. Bottom line, there is still plenty of work to be done!

We welcome the New Year and look forward to continuing the fight against hunger.

Warm Regards,

Susan Goodell  
Chief Executive Officer

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## Volunteer Spotlight



On Saturday, October 26, 2019, El Pasoans Fighting Hunger along with community partners, Rebuilding Together El Paso and The Home Depot, teamed up to begin a much anticipated expansion project of the food bank's facilities located at 9541 Plaza Circle. The Home Depot provided 40 of their employees to rebuild and renovate a new office area utilizing their skills and expertise. The expansion will provide the food bank with an additional 5,000 square feet which will be used for new administrative offices.

Rebuilding Together El Paso was instrumental with getting this project off the ground. They were able to obtain a grant from The Home Depot Foundation to pay for the materials needed for the construction. The local El Paso Home Depot provided 40 volunteers to help execute the project. The labor intensive project included texturing and painting walls, installing new flooring, refurbishing restrooms, as well as reinstalling air conditioners and water heaters.

“The role of Rebuilding Together is to identify the need of the community and arrange for the funds to finance the repairs. The mission of Rebuilding Together is ‘repairing homes, revitalizing communities, rebuilding lives.’ The food bank project falls under the category of revitalizing communities,” said Roger de Moor, Executive Director of Rebuilding Together El Paso.

We are extremely grateful for the hard work and contribution Rebuilding Together and The Home Depot have dedicated to our organization. Their effort is an essential component to the success of our expansion project. The new office space will provide our staff with the administrative resources they need to perform at a high level.

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## Partnership with WellMed



El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank has partnered with WellMed Medical Management, Inc. (a physician-led health care delivery system) to bring a new Client Choice Mobile Pantry to our community. We are excited to partner with WellMed to host client choice mobile pantries that are targeting seniors who are vulnerable and often have to make choices between medicine and food. Mobile pantries allow individuals to pick out food in a Farmer's Market style environment. Clients will be able to choose which vegetables they prefer as well as learn about food nutritional value. Asking for food can be a very humbling experience and having the choice of food allows dignity in this food distribution model versus a pre-packaged box. WellMed will be hosting the mobile pantries at several of their clinic sites 3 times a month. EPFH hopes to serve at least 600 food insecure seniors in our community through this innovative partnership.





# Twilight Volunteering

Twilight Hour Volunteering is a new program available on the first and third Thursday of every month from 6 – 9 PM. This opportunity is ideal for local civic or business groups who want to make a difference in their community but cannot volunteer their time during regular business hours.

The demand for emergency food in El Paso is incredibly high with an estimated 200,000+ people in need in our community. Everyday El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank (EPFH) supports 132 soup kitchens, shelters and pantries, of which 14 are located in schools. Additionally, EPFH provides distribution to 144 mobile client choice pantries in a 3 county area.



Twilight Hour Volunteering also includes a light snack and an optional Mocktail Hour (non-alcoholic mixed drinks) starting at 5 PM with a tour of the warehouse. Specific volunteer work ranges from pulling orders, processing, to sorting and packing food and ensuring food doesn't go to waste.

Support a great cause! Become a community partner and help El Pasoans Fighting Hunger achieve its mission of helping feed the hungry in El Paso, Hudspeth, and Culberson counties.

For additional information or to sign up for Twilight Hour Volunteering, contact Samara Maggard at 915-298-0353 or email at [volunteer@epfhfb.org](mailto:volunteer@epfhfb.org)

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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 and 4,200,000 meals for people in need!

