

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Dear friends,

As we entered 2021 we were all still struggling to grasp what we experienced with the arrival of COVID-19 to the Texas Panhandle.

Across our 29-county service area, we continued to see a higher need than pre-COVID. On average, we assisted 14,049 households in the Texas Panhandle each month. This is far higher than the 8,900 households served in 2019.

Unfortunately, we are forecasting this need will remain steady or increase. The good news is that we have been able to meet the need, thanks to the generosity of your donations.

We have been able to revamp half of our truck fleet – specifically our semi-trucks and trailers – to help better serve our rural communities. In 2022, we anticipate replacing our mid-size fleet to allow for more pickups from our food donation partners, so that we can serve more individuals in need throughout the Panhandle.

We purchased more than \$2 million in food and product in 2021. (Yes, that is correct - \$2 million!). Whether it be non-perishable food, protein, or fresh produce, we acquired more food than we had in the previous year. More importantly, you have made that possible!

Last year was not without its challenges. The status of the supply chain affected many food deliveries and caused several purchased, donated, and USDA load cancellations. Certain supplies that are crucial to our operations were delayed or canceled. Also, we dealt with many of our team members being under the weather with sickness – as many businesses and individuals are seeing right now. Even with all of this, our team remains committed to strengthening our ability to fight hunger on the High Plains.

We have so many exciting things to come in 2022. But, most importantly, we are excited to help more individuals in need this year. You are the one that can help us make that happen! Your continued support helps us make an impact each day. Thank you so much for helping our food-insecure neighbors!

Sincerely,

Zack Wilson Executive Director



OUR MISSION

Founded in 1982, High Plains Food Bank's mission is to alleviate hunger in the Texas Panhandle.

Thanks to you, our generous donors, supporters, and community partners, High Plains Food Bank distributed 8.2 million pounds of food through over 150 feeding partners in 29 counties across the Texas Panhandle in 2021. That is equivalent to 6.8 million meals, with a value of about \$14.7 million.

Out of total food distribution, 60% went to rural counties outside of Potter and Randall. Our fresh produce distribution accounted for 20% of the total distribution amount. Produce distribution is starting to rebound as supply channels continue to stabilize.



WHY WE ARE NEEDED

No one should worry about where their next meal will come from. However, too many of our neighbors face this reality.

In every county and every zip code, neighbors face food insecurity, meaning they don't have reliable access to enough food for a healthy life.

Working-poor families struggle to decide between buying food or paying bills. Local kids may not be eating enough healthy food to grow, develop, and learn. Seniors who've worked their entire lives are struggling to secure enough good food to stay vibrant and healthy. Many must choose between purchasing critical medication or buying groceries.

About 76,530 people, or 16.1% of the Texas Panhandle population, face food insecurity. That includes 27,740, or 22.1% of local children. That means that 1 in 6 neighbors, including 1 in 5 kids are at risk of going hungry.



WHAT WE DO

High Plains Food Bank leads the largest hunger-relief network in the Texas Panhandle.

We secure, sort, and distribute food to more than 150 agencies that operate pantries, soup kitchens, and other feeding ministries. In underserved communities, we provide direct mobile distribution of food boxes and fresh produce to individuals and families. In addition to serving our primary mission of alleviating hunger, food banking benefits the environment and economy by rescuing food that would have otherwise gone to waste. Our programs provide food for today and hope for tomorrow.

WHO WE SERVE

Through our strong agency network and targeted programs, we feed an average of 14,049 families per month.

Most neighbors we serve are hardworking folks who struggle to make ends meet. Some face life emergencies, the loss of a job, a serious accident or illness, or the death of a loved one. Others are living on a fixed income, while the cost of living escalates. They must make tough choices between food and other necessities like rent, electricity, water, or medicine.



1 IN 5 LOCAL KIDS FACE FOOD INSECURITY



[FOOD SOURCES]

Most of the food we distribute is donated by retailers, growers, and other partnerships. The government also supplies food through programs like The Emergency Food Assistance Program, Commodity Supplemental Food Program, and the Food Purchase and Distribution Program. In 2021, we were able to convert \$1 into 6 meals, which makes monetary donations extremely economical in the fight against local hunger.









OUR PROGRAMS

COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) works to improve the health of low-income seniors over 60 by supplementing their diets with nutritious USDA Foods. Each month, qualified participants receive a box containing more than 25-pounds of shelf-stable groceries and a 2-pound block of cheese. In 2021, the CSFP team distributed 1,212 more senior food boxes than the year prior, for a total of 23,066! Monthly distributions were held at 21 CSFP sites to best serve an average of 1,922 local seniors who are at risk of food insecurity. We hope to expand the program to more rural communities in the future so that more of our low-income senior neighbors have access to supplemental nutrition.



DIRECT MOBILE DISTRIBUTION

In 6 underserved counties, we provided Direct Mobile Disbrituion (DMD) service, delivering food directly to qualified low-income clients. In Armstrong, Briscoe, Hall, Hardeman, Hemphill, and Oldham counties, HPFB distributed 40-pound family food boxes, surplus food, and fresh produce each month. We provided 9,144 family food boxes through DMD, plus 154,579 pounds of perishable food to 13,740 people in 2021.

FOOD PURCHASE & DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

In 2021, while still recovering from the pandemic, we distributed approximately 5,100,000 pounds of donated product and an additional 2,900,000 pounds of USDA product. We were able to purchase more than \$2 million in food and product in 2021.

Due to the massive amount of donations received, we were able to provide plenty of assorted food items to our community, ranging from fresh produce to shelf-stable items.

Looking into 2022, we aim to keep up the momentum and supply highly requested products to our community through an enhanced food purchase program. To better understand each community's unique needs and preferences across the Texas Panhandle, we will collect critical input from agency partners and clients to help shape our purchasing decisions.

OUR PROGRAMS

SNAP APPLICATION ASSISTANCE

Kids Cafe provides free healthy snacks and meals to kids at multiple community locations. In 2021, they assisted 585 applications for SNAP, CHIP, Medicaid, TANF, and more. About 85% of those represented families, and the other 15% were individuals, mostly seniors. The social services team continued its expanded services by reaching out to new agencies or enhancing existing partnerships within our service area. These partnerships ensured that clients had access to additional emergency assistance resources and a path to establish future self-sufficiency. Through our Referral Partner Program, agencies and clients commit, in writing, to 1 year with the possibility of a second year to ensure that both parties do their best to meet the clients' needs and help them establish a more secure future.

KIDS CAFE

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Kids Cafe provides free healthy snacks and meals to kids at multiple community locations. In 2021, our Kids Cafe team prepared and delivered 106,590 nutritious meals to local kids at safe sites in schools, daycare facilities, and apartment complexes. Over 1,000 kids received daily meals to help them grow, learn, and thrive. Family members are always welcome to join, too. In addition, one Kids Cafe site serves meals to senior citizens at an apartment complex to provide a consistent healthy meal and socialization to senior residents.

OUR PROGRAMS

THE GARDEN AT HIGH PLAINS FOOD BANK

The Garden at High Plains Food Bank is an all-organic, 1-acre urban farm that serves as a community classroom to teach gardening basics and nutrition education. In 2021, the Garden offered 292 nutrition education classes to 783 participants. Topics ranged from organic gardening to healthy eating and cooking. The Garden's Mobile Harvest Program distributed over 70,000 pounds of fresh produce to an average of more than 200 community members. About 3,500 pounds of their Mobile Harvest distribution were fruits and vegetables grown and harvested from The Garden at HPFB.





GIVING BACK

In 2021, we saw overwhelming community support from friends of all ages. One highlight of the year was a visit from Addie and Easton Wright. The brother and sister from Amarillo decided to celebrate their birthday month by donating a couple of birthday cake kits to the food bank. They wanted to ensure that a less fortunate boy and girl could enjoy a cake and candles on their birthday.

We quickly found a boy and girl with upcoming birthdays through one of our agency partners. HPFB team members delivered the kits to the agency so they could bake the cakes in time for the birthday boy and girl to celebrate.

We are thankful for every gift and giver, even the youngest ones, who generously support our mission to alleviate hunger in the Texas Panhandle.





FOOD PANTRY

The Hemphill County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office oversees the Hemphill County Food Pantry. In addition, the Family and Community Health (FCH) unit provides science-based educational programs designed to improve the overall health and wellness of individuals, families, and communities.

During 2021 the Hemphill County Food Pantry served 90-116 families in the county with food from the High Plains Food Bank. In addition to distributing food, this agency offers nutrition education through the "Better Living for Texans" program, which is a part of the USDA. They also emphasize the importance of physical activity in daily life.

The distribution of food provides an opportunity for the leadership to reach the people who need the educational services they provide. In this process, one of their county extension agents recently taught a class and discussed fat in food and the effect of too much fat on heart disease. One of the food pantry recipients shared that she was glad to learn more about fat in the diet and only wished she had known more earlier. Then, she could have helped her husband, who suffered from heart disease. High Plains Food Bank supports the Hemphill County Food Pantry leadership's efforts to reach people with lifesaving information.

FAMILY IN NEED

An Amarillo elementary school principal called High Plains Food Bank to seek emergency assistance for a family in need. After teachers realized the children had been coming to school hungry, the faculty sprang into action to figure out why and what they could do to help.

The family struggled to make ends meet and faced the impossible choice between food and electricity. They chose food. However, the family lost everything in their freezer and refrigerator after their power was disconnected overnight due to nonpayment.

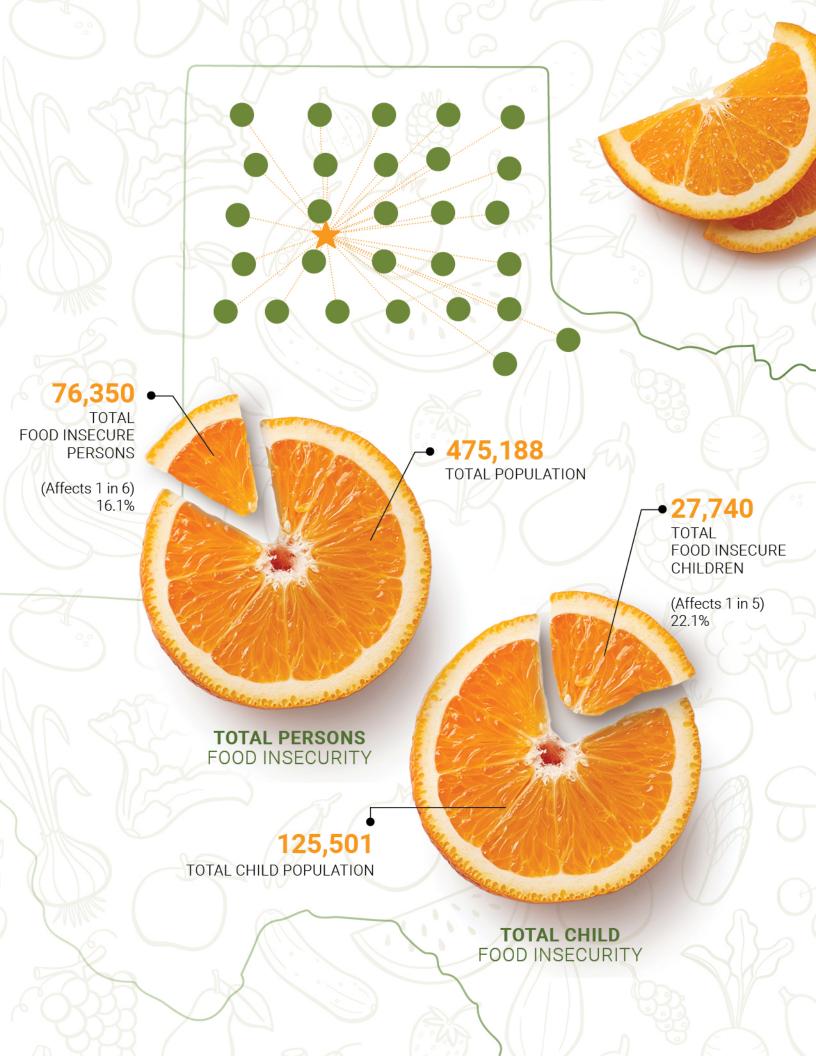
In addition to providing referrals to local food pantries, High Plains Food Bank connected the school principal with three emergency contacts. By 9 pm that same day, the family had food, their overdue electric bill was paid in full, and power was restored.



AGENCY PROVIDED SAFETY NET

Our network of more than 150 nonprofit feeding partner agencies provides a safety net for neighbors facing food insecurity across the Texas Panhandle. These agencies supply food directly to individuals and families through food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and more. HPFB provides free delivery to our 89 rural agencies. Our 63 metro feeding partners pick up from the Amarillo warehouse.

COUNTY	NUMBER OF AGENCIES	POUNDS DISTRIBUTED	TOTAL POPULATION	# OF FOOD INSECURE PERSONS	FOOD INSECURITY RATE	TOTAL CHILD POPULATION	# OF FOOD INSECURE CHILDREN	CHILD FOOI INSECURITY RATE
Armstrong		35,520	1,973	270	13.8%	456	90	20.7%
Briscoe		185,528	1,457	250	17.3%	237	50	20.4%
Carson	6	131,107	6,009	830	13.9%	1,476	300	20.1%
Castro		117,297	7,673	1,000	13.0%	2,230	410	18.4%
Childress		361,615	7,253	1,270	17.6%	1,286	240	18.8%
Collingsworth		91,089	2,969	500	16.8%	744	200	26.7%
Cottle		128,823	1,642	400	24.5%	513	190	36.9%
Dallam		101,153	7,304	1,030	14.2%	2,302	440	19.0%
Deaf Smith		28,493	18,736	2,610	14.0%	5,866	1,150	19.7%
Donley	5	267,301	3,342	570	17.1%	668	170	26.1%
Gray		629,413	22,410	4,180	18.7%	5,735	1,540	26.9%
Hale	8	447,723	33,826	5,410	16.0%	9,208	2,050	22.3%
Hall		164,585	3,048	640	21.1%	678	200	30.0%
Hansford		13,963	5,520	910	16.5%	1,644	400	24.0%
Hardeman		47,563	3,945	710	18.1%	820	210	25.5%
Hartley		128,942	5,669	730	12.8%	1,218	200	16.5%
Hemphill		170,401	3,994	560	13.9%	1,261	250	19.5%
Hutchinson	6	413,432	21,344	3,950	18.5%	5,486	1,490	27.2%
Lipscomb		32,165	3,398	520	15.4%	902	200	22.3%
Moore		273,297	21,399	2,840	13.3%	6,744	1,200	17.8%
Ochiltree		206,878	10,131	1,530	15.1%	3,153	680	21.5%
Oldham		52,997	2,094	290	13.6%	704	120	16.9%
Parmer		144,955	9,718	1,320	13.5%	2,850	530	18.7%
Potter	39	2,476,750.	119,674	22,110	18.5%	32,932	8,270	25.1%
Randall	24	845,163	134,026	18,850	14.1%	32,237	6,000	18.6%
Roberts		51,423	805	130	16.5%	217	50	21.5%
Sherman		53,898	3,059	480	15.5%	690	150	21.4%
Swisher		308,569	7,432	1,440	19.4%	1,875	580	31.1%
Wheeler		302.492	5.338	1.020	19.1%	1.369	380	27.6%





STEWARDSHIP

In 2021, HPFB earned our tenth consecutive 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, the leading charity evaluator in America. Four stars is the highest rating given for demonstrating strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency. HPFB was one of 5 Amarillo nonprofits earning the coveted honor.

"Only 3% of the charities we evaluate have received at least 10 consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that High Plains Food Bank outperforms most other charities in America," said Michael Thatcher, President & CEO of Charity Navigator. "This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator sets High Plains Food Bank apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness."

We take pride in being excellent stewards of every dollar and resource you provide toward our mission. Through efficient operations we provided about 6 meal with every dollar donated and, applied 96 cents of every dollar directly toward food and feeding programs.

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VOLUNTEER HOURS

50,311 volunteer hours \$452,799 VALUE



15,035 VOLUNTEER HOURS

\$136,300 VALUE



Volunteer

Volunteers provide critical support in alleviating hunger in the Texas Panhandle. Due to COVID-19 volunteer support plummeted in 2020 and remained low in 2021, accounting for 15,035 hours of volunteer support, valued at \$136,300.

Year-round, HPFB and neighbors we serve rely on volunteer support to fight local hunger.

Product Recovery

Volunteers are desperately needed year-round to inspect and sort all donated food and product in our warehouse, pack family food boxes, and more. We love to host volunteer groups including schools, youth groups, civic organizations, businesses, and families.

Visit the volunteer section at HPFB.org to learn more or schedule your volunteer time.

Dig In The Garden

The Garden at High Plains Food Bank is an all-organic 1-acre urban farm. Volunteers help plant, harvest, compost, pull weeds, feed animals, and more. You'll get a little dirty, soak up some sun, and learn techniques to grow food and raise animals in the Texas Panhandle climate. Plus, you'll have some fun while giving back to the community! We welcome individuals, families, and groups to dig in and make a difference. Garden Volunteers must be scheduled and confirmed by staff in advance. Visit the volunteer section at HPFB.org to learn more or schedule your volunteer time.



YOUNG VOLUNTEERS

During one of HPFB's Briscoe County Direct Mobile Distributions, a group of Silverton High School students volunteered to help unload the food from the truck and sort it for distribution. Knowing that the students were sacrificing their lunch hour to help others, our distribution team wanted to ensure the kids had money or food for lunch.

After discovering that one young man did not have money to eat, a volunteer pulled him aside and discretely offered him lunch money. However, the student insisted that he wasn't that hungry and would be fine to wait until dinner to eat. To remove any shame or embarrassment for the boy, the volunteers invited the entire group of students to choose a few items from the surplus load to take with them. That particular young man loaded two boxes full of food. A few other students filled an entire box, thoughtfully selecting foods their siblings and parents would like. You just never know! Sometimes, the person who volunteers alongside you to help others has nothing, and he is the one-in-five local kids quietly fighting a battle of food insecurity.





STATEMENT OF

FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS	2020	2019
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$3,012,132	\$359,366
CASH RESTRICTED FOR LONG-TERM PURPOSES	207,429	207,429
INVESTMENTS	209,099	158,864
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	432,953	274,109
PROMISES TO GIVE	9,563	11,462
FOOD INVENTORY	5,803,755	4,765,794
PREPAID INSURANCE	81,034	80,355
INVESTMENTS HELD FOR ENDOWMENT PURPOSES	300,000	300,000
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (NET)	3,533,321	3,479,519
TOTAL ASSETS	13,589,286	9,636,898
LIABILITIES ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	219,138	158,823
ACCRUED LIABILITIES	27,428	21,356
GRANT ADVANCES	8,656	21,000
LINE OF CREDIT	390	175,851
TOTAL LIABILITIES	255,612	356,030
NET ASSETS		
WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	11,572,346	8,081,377
WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	300,000	300,000
PERPETUAL IN NATURE	1,461,328	899,491
PURPOSE RESTRICTIONS	1,761,328	1,199,491
TOTAL NET ASSETS	13,333,674	9,280,868
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	13,589,286	9,636,898

STATEMENT OF

[ACTIVITIES]

ANGES IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS		
VENUE, SUPPORT AND GAINS	2020	2019
FOOD CONTRIBUTIONS	\$7,540,624	\$12,387,644
CASH CONTRIBUTIONS	3,386,380	1,171,154
GRANTS	825,060	228,032
NON-CASH CONTRIBUTIONS	309,485	233,017
PURCHASED PRODUCT SALES	236,260	24,078
COST OF PURCHASED PRODUCT	(165,101)	(116,682)
	71,159	(92,604)
SHARE MAINTENANCE FEES	378,133	452,715
FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS	2,411,668	812,637
SPECIAL EVENTS	90,365	116,301
INTEREST AND INVESTMENT INCOME	16,393	17,403
NET GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS	37,973	25,992
OTHER	128,646	98,176
TAL UNRESTRICTED REVENUE, SUPPORT & GAINS	15,195,886	15,450,467
ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS	6,112,377	2,515,599
TAL REVENUE, SUPPORT, AND GAINS WITHOUT DONOR STRICTIONS	21,308,263	17,966,066

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ACTIVITIES

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PROGRAM SERVICES		
FOOD DISTRIBUTION	\$16,041,560	\$15,111,396
KIDS CAFE	1,008,114	841,892
OTAL PROGRAM SERVICES	17,049,674	15,953,288
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	260,392	254,779
COST OF BENEFITS TO DONORS	26,275	24,623
FUND-RAISING	480,953	483,348
OTAL EXPENSES	17,817,294	16,716,038
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