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## **WEST TEXAS FOOD BANK RECIEVES \$100,000 FROM LOCAL ATTORNEYS**

*Donations Are Helping Offset the Cost of Food Bank Operations During COVID-19 Crisis*

**Odessa, TX – March 16, 2020 – The West Texas Food Bank is excited** to announce a donation from Odessa Attorney Juan V. Silva, from the Juan V. Silva from the Silva Law Group, PLLC, and the Permian Basin Trial Lawyers Association in the amount of \$100,000 to support the COVID-19 relief efforts and help sustain the mission of the Food Bank.

West Texas Food Bank Executive Director Libby Campbell said, “we are so excited to have the support of local attorneys, and I am incredible grateful to Mr. Silva for making this donation possible. This gift comes at a time when the West Texas Food Bank is having to go to extraordinary lengths to keep our shelves stocked, and to make sure our 80+ partner agencies in 19 counties have what they need. Donations like these help ensure the West Texas Food Bank is able to provide life sustaining, nutritious meals to families in need, and all the gifts we have received from our caring community help the Food Bank continue providing these services to our community for free.”

Food donations to the West Texas Food Bank have dropped to almost zero as the retail outlets are selling out of items which are normally donated to food banks. “To keep up with the increasing demand for food, and to offset the decreasing amount of food coming into the food bank, we are having to purchase more food than ever before,” said Campbell, saying, “we’ve served over 10,000 households in the last four weeks, which is up over 30% from the same time last year. We have seen over 1,940 new clients through the panties at the Food Bank locations, and we’ve served over 1,220 households through our mobile outreaches at 12 rural sites.”

“As members of our great community of the Permian Basin, we would like to be able to help our people maintain the stay home policy so that we are all protected. Protect the medical staff and our police force. Our heroes in the battle against this virus. And, the only way we can do this is by helping those that are not able to work, but still need a helping hand. So, on behalf of The Silva Law Group, PLLC and the Permian Basin Trial Lawyers Association we wish all our members of the community the best,” Juan V. Silva.

“Again I am so grateful to our community for stepping up during both the COVID-19 crisis and during a really difficult time for our friends and neighbors in the oil field. This really is a double whammy for residents of West Texas, and I am so thankful for those who believe enough in our mission to support us, even when times are difficult,” said Campbell.

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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 80 Partner Agencies in 19 counties throughout West Texas. 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 helps provide four meals for the hungry, and 92 cents of every dollar goes directly to feed hungry West Texans. Founded in 1985, WTFB is a member of Feeding America ([feedingamerica.org](http://feedingamerica.org)), the nation’s largest network of hunger relief organizations. In 2019, roughly 6.5 million pounds of food was distributed to hungry West Texans.