

**WEST TEXAS FOOD BANK**  
2018 ANNUAL REPORT





# THANK YOU FOR CHANGING LIVES WITH THE FOOD BANK

Dear Friends of the West Texas Food Bank,

Every year, we have the pleasure of preparing this report for our caring community of hunger-relief partners. It brings me such joy to reflect on the many milestones we have achieved together.

This past year, we saw significant growth in our Food 2 Kids programs, senior food assistance and mobile outreach to rural areas.

We have increased the amount of fresh produce we share to 1.2 million pounds! And with our Disaster Response Mobile Pantry, the Food Bank is ready to provide immediate emergency relief to those affected by disasters.

Thanks to your generous support, we are reaching more West Texans with the food they need to thrive than ever before. But at the same time, we are continuing plans to expand our efforts.

The cost of life's basics — rent, bills and food — remains incredibly high here in the Permian Basin. And, unfortunately, wages are not keeping pace with these expenses. Your partnership is absolutely vital to ensuring your neighbors have enough to eat, especially children and seniors.

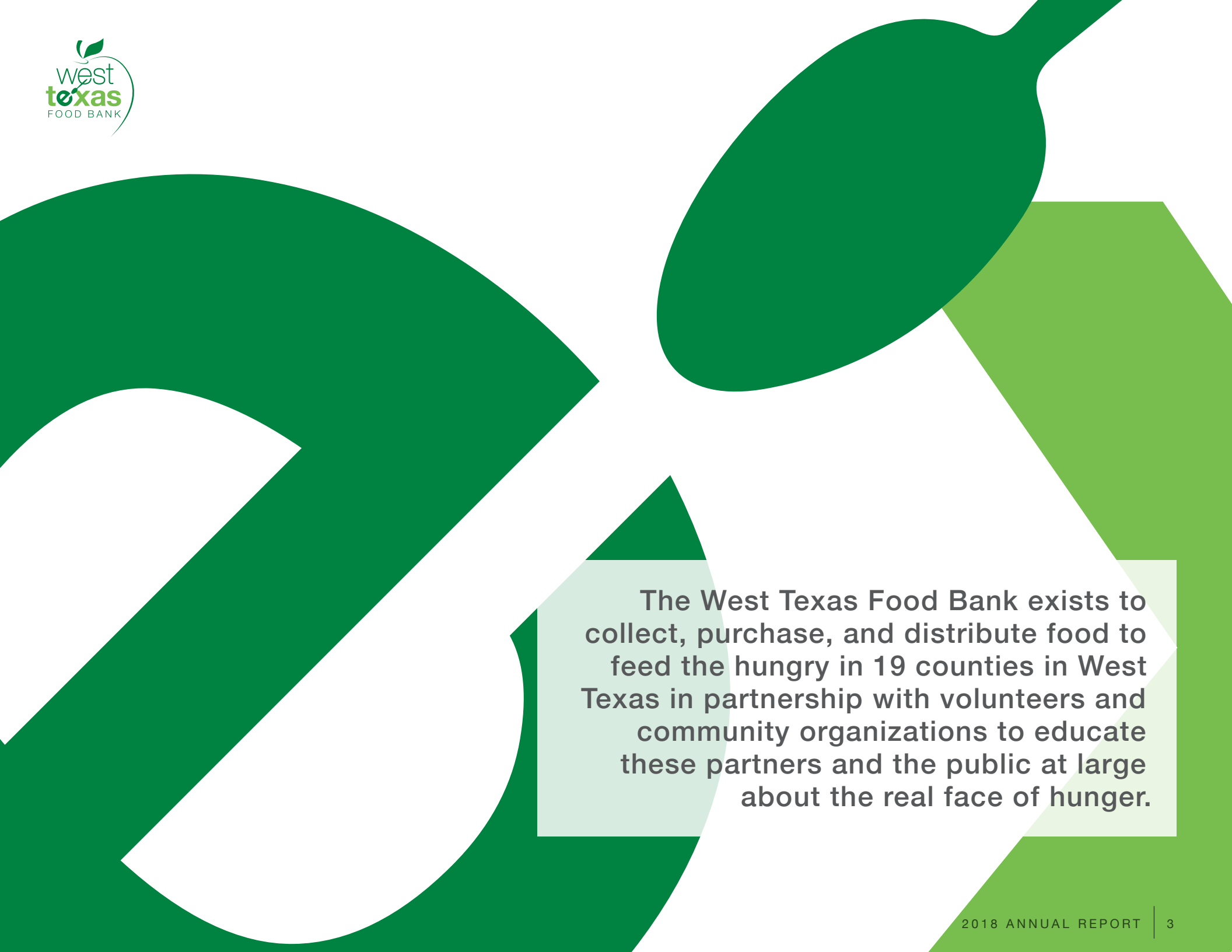
That is why I am grateful for folks like you. So many families reach out to our partners and programs for help. Because you are so generous, we are able to meet their needs. Thank you!



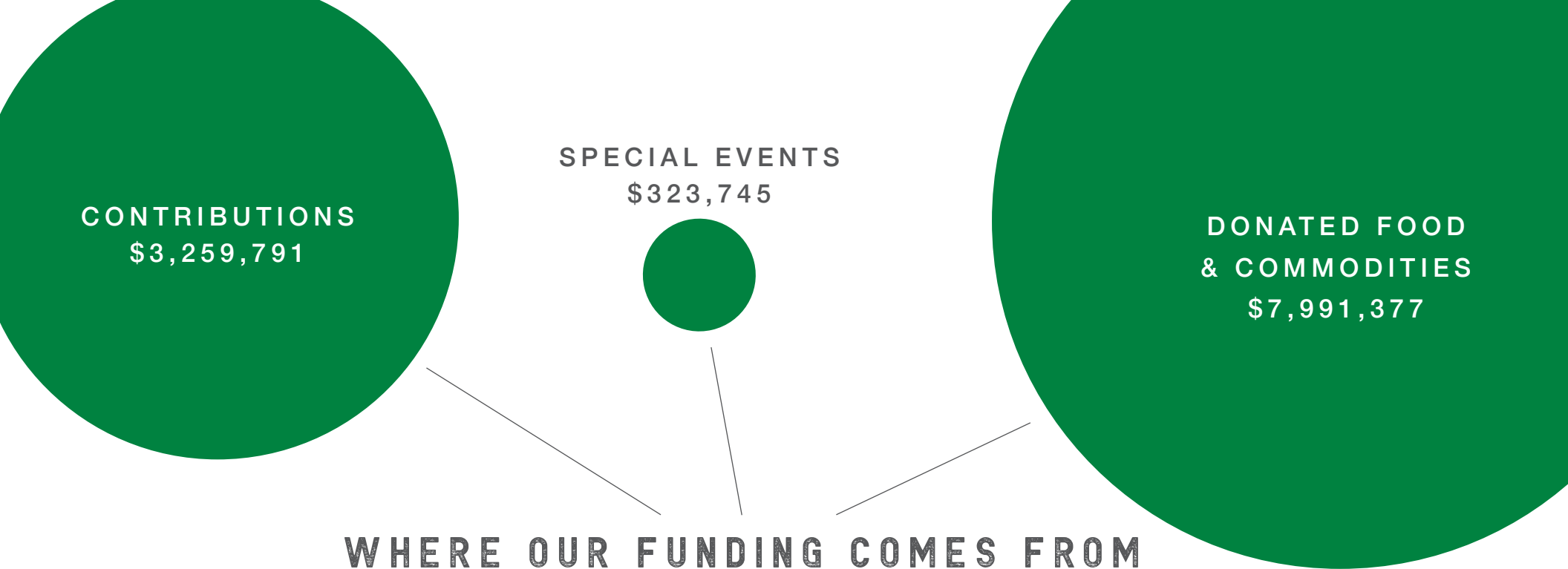
Sincerely,

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Libby Campbell  
Executive Director

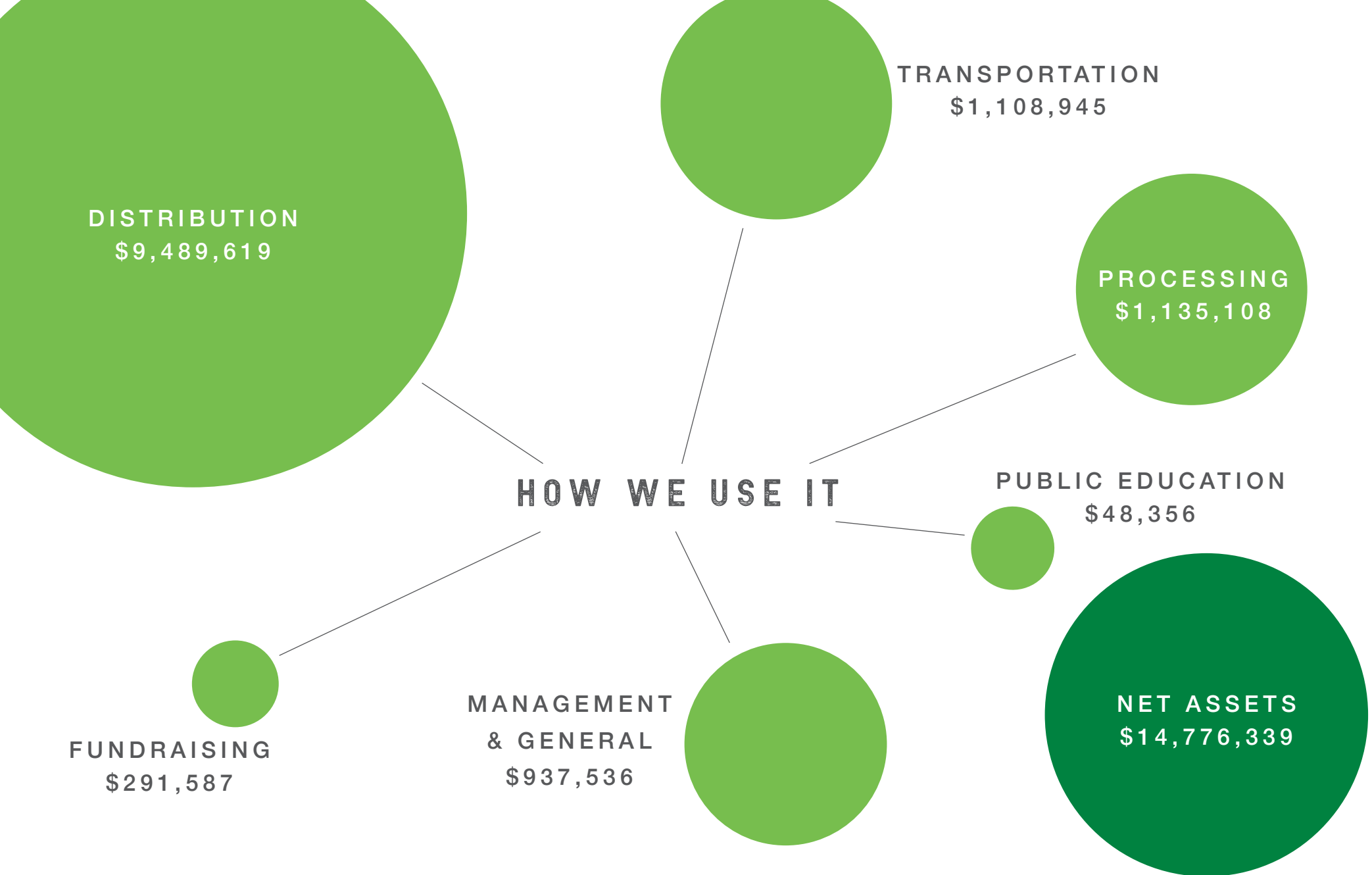
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The West Texas Food Bank exists to collect, purchase, and distribute food to feed the hungry in 19 counties in West Texas in partnership with volunteers and community organizations to educate these partners and the public at large about the real face of hunger.



Public Support Total	Other Support & Revenue	Total Support & Revenue
\$11,251,168	\$1,748,899	\$13,000,067

FINANCIAL INFORMATION FROM OCTOBER 1, 2017 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2018



Program Services Total	Support Servies Total	Total Expenses
\$11,782,028	\$1,229,123	\$13,011,151

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## THE WEST TEXAS FOOD BANK

The West Texas Food Bank was established by a small group of concerned citizens in 1985 to address the critical issue of hunger in the West Texas area. In our first year of operation, we distributed 203,000 pounds of food to 40 partner agencies.

In 2013, the Food Bank kicked off a capital campaign to build two new facilities. A total of \$13.3 million was raised by August 2014. We opened the new Odessa building in January 2016 and Midland in January 2017.

In Fiscal Year 2018, we provided 5.74 million pounds of food — including 1.2 million pounds of fresh produce — to more than 40,000 unduplicated people in our 19-county service area.

Of the people we serve, 45 percent are children, 20 percent are seniors and 35 percent are adults.

The Food Bank is the largest collaborative, nonprofit agency in the Permian Basin and efficiently shares food through a network of more than 80 partner agencies across 34,000 square miles of West Texas. We work to continually improve the amount, variety and nutritional quality of food provided for individuals and families in need.

**\$1** donated can help provide **4 meals**, with **92 cents of every dollar** donated to the Food Bank going back into the communities that we serve.

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# WHAT WE ACHIEVED TOGETHER

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM FISCAL YEAR 2018



## FOOD 2 KIDS

The Food 2 Kids weekend backpack program began 10 years ago in Odessa and was its own 501(c)3 until summer 2016 when it became a West Texas Food Bank program. Our resources have brought stability and sustainability to the Food 2 Kids mission.

Food 2 Kids evolved in early 2018 to include all the Food Bank's children's programming. It receives the greatest investment of all the Food Bank's programs and provides vital nutrition for children facing hunger. Our Food 2 Kids programs work to improve kids' overall health and wellness and to help alleviate financial stress for economically disadvantaged families.







## **BACKPACK PROGRAM**

Food 2 Kids serves elementary school students who have been identified by campus counselors, teachers or other school staff as being at risk of hunger.

More than 1,200 students received 37,186 Food 2 Kids sacks of ready-to-eat food in 25 schools in Odessa, Midland and Pecos.





## **KIDS CAFE**

Kids Cafe is an after-school feeding program that serves a hot meal prepared by the Food Bank's cooks and kitchen manager in our Odessa facility's commercial kitchen.

During this past school year, 52,608 meals were delivered to five sites.

## **SUMMER FEEDING**

Our summer feeding program provides lunch to children at risk of missing meals in Midland and Odessa.

A total of 36,412 meals were served at 14 sites this past summer.





## SCHOOL PANTRIES

Food pantries on school campuses are the best way to reach secondary students in need. Kids and families who meet income guidelines are able to visit school pantries on a regular basis. Fresh produce, meat, bread, nonperishable staples and household items are kept stocked for distribution days and emergency needs.

The school pantry program began in three Odessa schools in early 2018, and each served roughly 100 students and their families. About 27,000 pounds of food — or 22,500 meals — were distributed by the end of Fiscal Year 2018.

This rapidly expanding program now serves 11 schools in Odessa, Midland and Balmorhea.





## FOOD 2 BABIES

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for **Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)** provides vouchers to screened clients, which can be redeemed for baby formula at the Food Bank. The West Texas Food Bank collects formula samples from doctor's offices, so the cost of this program is minimal. Food 2 Babies provides vital nutrition — in the form of formula and other foods — for our youngest clients.





## MIDLAND SENIOR CLIENT CHOICE PANTRY

At our Midland pantry, we serve some of those most vulnerable to food insecurity: older adults. Our senior client-choice pantry is open twice a month for our neighbors who are age 60 and older. Our nutritionist provides samples of healthy recipes using pantry items and fresh produce available. Recipe cards are provided for clients to encourage healthy eating at home.

**1,408** households have received approximately **73,216** pounds of food from the pantry, or more than **61,013** meals.





## ODESSA CLIENT CHOICE PANTRY

Our Odessa pantry is open three days a week. In a small grocery store type environment, clients are able to choose from not only pantry staples but also fresh produce, dairy, meat, grains, toiletries and other household items.

A client-choice pantry model reduces food waste, allows for greater interaction with clients and restores dignity to the process by giving individuals control over the foods they take home.

Access to other community resources related to improving individual or family situations are coordinated by the Food Bank's social worker.



**1,835** households received more than **95,420** pounds of food, which is equivalent to over **79,517** meals.



## **PRODUCE**

The West Texas Food Bank places a priority on sharing more fresh fruits and vegetables here in the Permian Basin. We continue to increase our produce distribution goals each year! In Fiscal Year 2018, we provided 1,241,919 pounds of produce.

## **SALVAGE & RECLAMATION**

388,348 pounds of food was recovered from 23 grocery stores in Odessa, Midland, Big Spring, Ft. Stockton and Pecos this past year. Food Bank drivers make daily stops to several locations to pick up salvage product that retail stores can no longer sell. This effort not only reduces waste, but these donated goods are inventoried and made available for our partner agencies to provide for their clients. Our partners in this program include H-E-B, Walmart, Sam's, Albertsons, Market Street and Target.

## MOBILE OUTREACH

Nine rural sites in West Texas receive monthly visits from a Food Bank truck filled with emergency food boxes and fresh produce. Remote communities served do not have a West Texas Food Bank partner agency and rely on these deliveries. These locations include Balmorhea, Ft. Stockton, Coyoноsa, Candalaria, Presidio, Imperial, St. Lawrence, Mentone and Gail.

**676,065** pounds of food given away, including **176,983** pounds of produce





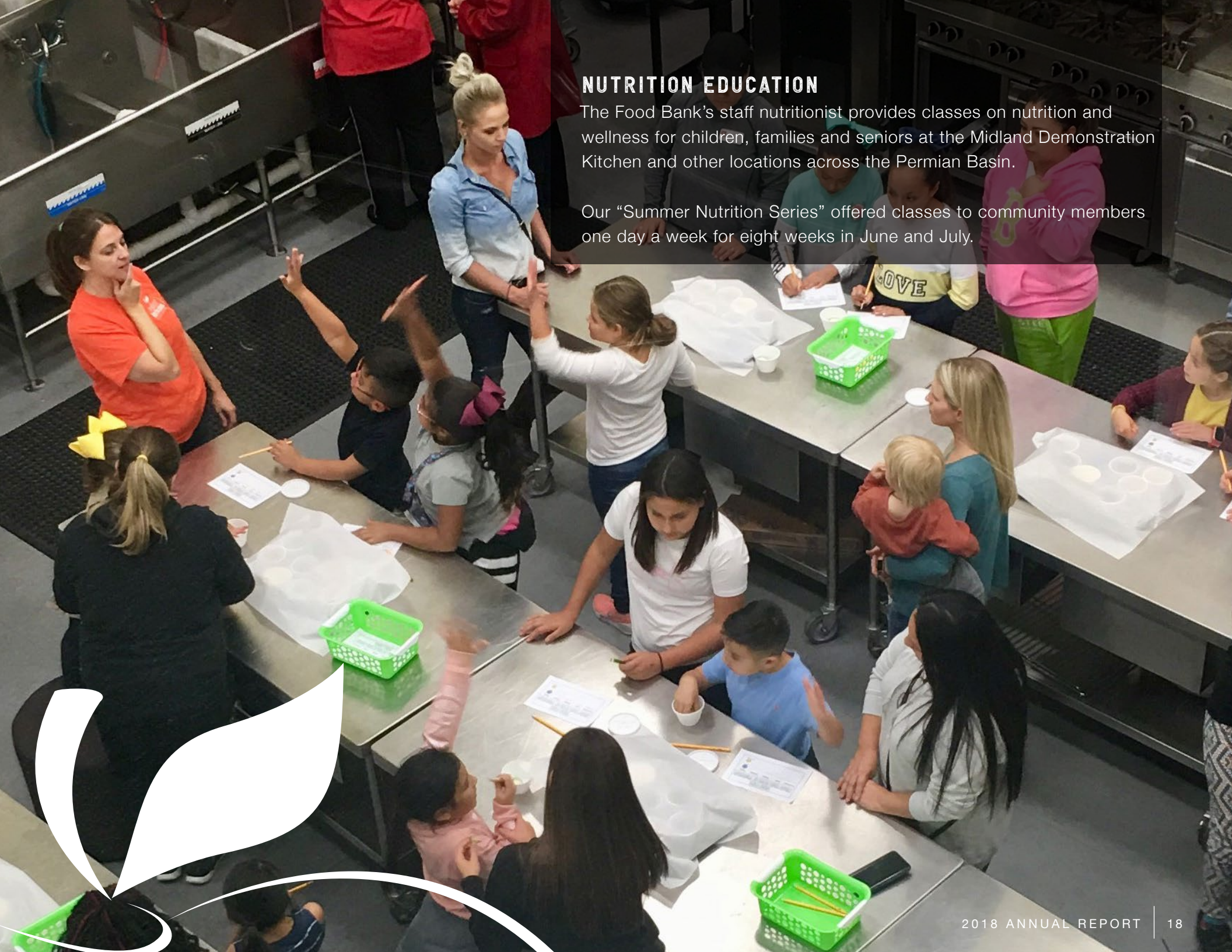
## DISASTER RELIEF MOBILE PANTRY

Launched in May 2018, this 28-foot custom built trailer has an interior set up like a grocery store and is equipped with special refrigerators and shelving, a HAM radio, air conditioning and a flat-screen TV.

In Fiscal Year 2018, the pantry was deployed 48 times in five counties and provided 40,848 pounds of food, including 10,882 pounds of fresh produce. More than 1,300 families were fed from May through September.

As needed, the Mobile Pantry will provide disaster relief to affected areas, such as future hurricane recovery efforts or in communities affected by fire, like the southern part of our service area. The first distribution took place in Kermit after our one partner agency in the county burned to the ground and lost all the food in their pantry. The Food Bank's Disaster Relief Mobile Pantry will continue to serve this community twice a month until the church rebuilds.





## NUTRITION EDUCATION

The Food Bank's staff nutritionist provides classes on nutrition and wellness for children, families and seniors at the Midland Demonstration Kitchen and other locations across the Permian Basin.

Our "Summer Nutrition Series" offered classes to community members one day a week for eight weeks in June and July.





## GARDENING & CONSERVATION

The goal of our gardening program is educating the community and our clients about growing and eating seasonal fruits and vegetables. Produce is grown using our two climate-controlled greenhouses and raised planter beds at our Midland and Odessa facilities. The vegetables harvested were used in nutrition education classes and shared with our clients.

Solar panels provide power for the Midland 20,000 square-foot facility, and a rainwater collection system and composting station are also used to reduce waste.





## COLLABORATIONS

We partner with more than 80 agencies across the 19 counties we serve. These hunger-relief agencies provide a variety of services ranging from food pantries and soup kitchens to shelters and after-school programs. Partners also include school districts, feeding sites and churches of many denominations.

Our greatest impact happens through our partner agencies. We provide pantry items, fresh produce, dairy, meat, bread and essential non-food grocery items, and our partner agencies distribute these items to those in need.





## VOLUNTEERS

During Fiscal Year 2018, the Food Bank hosted 3,441 volunteers, counting them only once, in Midland and Odessa. These volunteers donated a total of 20,247 hours.

With volunteers valued at **\$25.43** an hour, the Food Bank saved more than **\$500,000** in salary expenses because of the work our volunteers provide!



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## OUR HIGHLIGHTS IN FISCAL YEAR 2018

## FISCAL YEAR 2019 GOALS

- Expand School Pantry program with new locations in secondary schools
- More gardening and nutrition classes
- Midland facility improvements



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