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# COMMUNITYDISH

Feeding **More** Than *Hunger*.

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THANK YOU FOR  
FILLING EMPTY PLATES  
THIS SUMMER!

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**LIBBY STEPHENS**  
Chief Executive Officer

## DEAR FRIEND,

I am truly grateful for your partnership every day of the year, but particularly in the summer days when West Texas children and families are especially counting on us.

For many folks throughout the Permian Basin, making ends meet is difficult right now with the high cost of food. And this summer, families will have to cover additional costs when kids lose access to free and reduced-price school meal programs.

And it is not only families of school-aged children who are facing hunger, but also older adults on a limited income, neighbors looking for work, and plenty of West Texans whose income does not cover the cost of bills and groceries.

Partners like you help ensure the West Texas Food Bank can stock the shelves of our 100+ Partner Agencies to provide fresh fruit, vegetables, proteins, healthy snacks, and other wholesome foods to West Texans throughout 19 counties.

Your generosity helps the Food Bank fill the gaps in grocery budgets for our neighbors who need it most — ensuring every West Texan has access to healthy food.

In this edition of *Community Dish*, I hope you are inspired by your impact as you read about a few members of our community. Your partnership with the Food Bank turns empty plates into wholesome meals for neighbors like Alex (page 4).

Because of your support, we are one step closer to creating a West Texas without hunger. Thank you!

All my best,

Libby Stephens  
Chief Executive Officer

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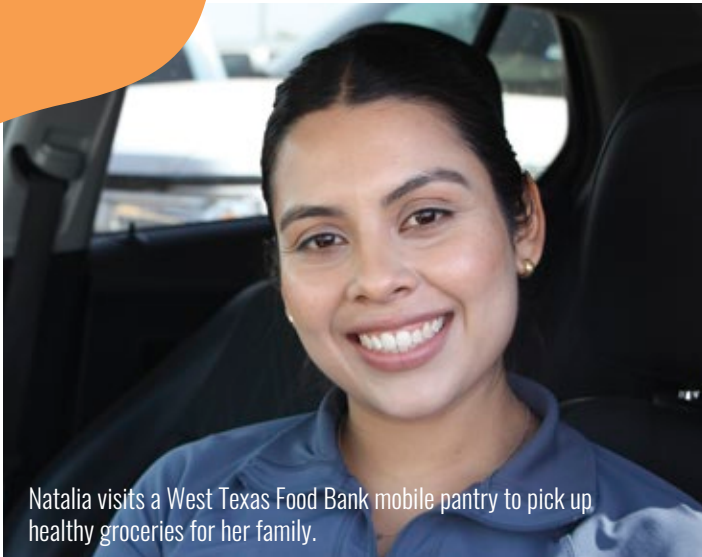
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## YOU GIVE NEIGHBORS HOPE



Natalia visits a West Texas Food Bank mobile pantry to pick up healthy groceries for her family.

Natalia has a bright smile and a hopeful outlook on the future for herself and her extended family. Your generosity is bringing her one step closer to her goal of building a better life by helping keep nutritious food on the table.

Three years ago, Natalia moved to West Texas where she lives with her sister. Spanish is her first language, but

she is working hard to improve her English skills to set herself up for a successful new career.

"I am hopeful for the future," Natalia shares. "I know it takes time, but I believe things will get better."

In the meantime, Natalia focuses on being the best sister and the best aunt to her nephew that she can be.

Your support means that Natalia can pick up nutritious groceries for her family at St. James Missionary Baptist Church, a Food Bank agency partner.

"I'm very grateful for the help I've received, especially the food," Natalia says. "It's been a blessing for my family."

Natalia's favorite foods to receive are chicken, rice, and beans. She also appreciates the hot meals St. James Missionary Baptist Church provides.

Your generosity means that more West Texans like Natalia have access to the nourishing meals needed to live a healthy, fulfilling life. Thank you.

*\*The conversation with Natalia was translated from Spanish to English.*

## PHILLIPS 66 TEAM MAKES A LASTING IMPACT

The employees at Phillips 66 are not only working to provide energy solutions for the community around them, but their team is also paving the way towards a stronger, healthier future for West Texans.

Phillips 66 employees recently volunteered with the West Texas Food Bank by sorting and packing essential food items into senior boxes to help ensure local seniors receive nutritious meals to support their health and well-being.

Renay Ressel, a planner and scheduler for Phillips 66, says one of the company's ongoing commitments is to give back to the community in which employees live and work.

"Phillips 66 strives to have a positive impact on all communities," Renay says. "By volunteering in our local communities, we push positivity, improvements and betterment of our world."

When volunteers like the Phillips 66 team give their time, they are making West Texas a better place for all of us to call home.

"I'm grateful to work for a company like Phillips 66 that encourages our team to come together and give back to our community. It not only provides an opportunity for us to bond, but also allows us to collaborate and make a positive impact on the community we call home," says Jackie Duarte, volunteer coordinator at Phillips 66.

We are grateful for Phillips 66 and every volunteer who gives their time to the Food Bank. Together, we are making a lasting difference in the fight to end hunger.



The Phillips 66 team is grateful to come together and give back to a community they love.

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## YOU BRING HEALTHY FOOD TO THE TABLE

Alex\* loves spending quality time with his family and especially his 3-year-old daughter, Isabella, who is growing rapidly.

Thanks to friends like you, Alex can also ensure Isabella has the nutritious food she needs to grow and thrive this summer.

As the cost of living remains high, Alex has had a hard time lately affording the healthy groceries his family needs.

Your support means that Alex can visit the West Texas Food Bank's Midland Mobile Food Pantry to pick up wholesome ingredients and fresh produce for his mother, his wife Angela, and little Isabella.

"We need more help with food because sometimes I get out of work and [I only have money to] pay the rent," Alex says, explaining that he has little left over to cover necessary expenses like nutritious food.

"This helps complete our groceries," shares Alex. The food his family receives from the Food Bank helps to supplement Alex's grocery budget so he can pay for other necessities like rent and utilities.

Because of friends like you, Alex can take Isabella to the park and focus on playing with his daughter — instead

Your support of the West Texas Food Bank helps provide nourishing food for young West Texans like Isabella through Midland Mobile Food Pantry.



of worrying about how he will provide enough food to fuel her growth and development.

Your generosity turns empty plates into nourishing meals for many West Texas families like Alex's. We are grateful for partners like you!

*\*Name has been changed to protect privacy.*

## Women's Division of the Monahans Chamber of Commerce

The Monahans Food2Kids Program, run by the Women's Division of the Monahans Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the West Texas Food Bank, ensures that around 200 children each week have access to nutritious food over the weekends.

Through this collaboration, students facing food insecurity receive meal bags filled with kid-friendly, easy-to-prepare items, which helps kids return to school on Monday nourished and ready to learn.

The Women's Division, a dedicated force behind Food2Kids, was recently recognized

by the Monahans Chamber of Commerce for their outstanding efforts in fighting childhood hunger. Their commitment, along with strong community support, has made a significant impact on local families.

To help fund the program, the Women's Division hosts an annual Pie Auction and a Sip and Social Fundraiser, both of which bring the community together to support Food2Kids and ensure its continued success.

With the support of volunteers, donors, and the West Texas Food Bank, the



Women's Division continues to make a difference in the lives of children who need it most.