

FAQ Frequently-Asked Questions



Questions	Answers
What is <i>Building to Feed Communities</i>?	<i>Building to Feed Communities</i> is a major capital improvement project of Tarrant Area Food Bank. The campaign is raising funds from foundations, corporations, and generous individuals to enable the Food Bank to expand, renovate and improve our facilities, especially the warehouse where food is distributed.
What is the purpose of your new building and other capital improvements in your campaign?	Our new building , located at 2525 Cullen Street, will be for programs and operations. As well, the warehouse distribution center across the street at 2600 Cullen, our main building, will be reconfigured to expand our capacity to receive and distribute food. These renovations and systems improvements will make the distribution process more efficient and allow us to increase the quantity and quality of the food. Our warehouse , which we moved into in 1989 after it had been occupied by a commercial food company, needs its equipment and technology updated. Now in our 33 rd year helping to feed hungry neighbors, we have seen the need for food double since the year 2000. At the warehouse, we receive canned goods and non-perishables, but more and more we're receiving fresh foods, which are so important for healthy living. So, we must renovate and expand the configuration of the warehouse and purchase and install essential equipment like new freezers, coolers and shelving, as well as re-engineer our inventory systems.
How long has the <i>Building to Feed Communities</i> project been in progress, and what's happened so far?	Our project began a couple of years ago and reaches a milestone at the end of September, 2014, when we break ground on the Dorothy and Norman M. Kronick Program and Administration Building at 2525 Cullen. The two-story, 28,200 square-foot Kronick Building has been made possible by a leading donation from the Fort Worth Foundation. Other substantial gifts were made by a coalition of foundations, including Amon Carter, Sid Richardson, Mabee, Paul E. Andrews, Jr. and Ryan Foundations. Another significant grant was made anonymously. When completed in 2015, staff and program space in the existing warehouse facility at 2600 Cullen can be converted as part of a broader renovation and reengineering of the warehouse.



- Who receives Food Bank food?** Food is distributed every day to thousands of neighbors in need in our 13-county service area through partner agencies and food pantries. Children, seniors, veterans and single parent families are representative of those neighbors who seek food assistance from Tarrant Area Food Bank. One in seven area residents receive assistance from the Food Bank.
- Who else needs Food Bank help?** While children and seniors are particularly vulnerable, working families (whether single parent or dual parent families), veterans, and many individuals who are poor but working need help every day. Our 300 partner agencies make it possible for us to get food to these individuals.
- How many people in our area experience hunger?** Today, one in every six people in our neighborhoods is experiencing “food insufficiency” and even hunger. Many require assistance from our partner agencies in Tarrant and surrounding counties to provide food for them.
- How many meals do the partner agencies need so they can feed our hungry neighbors?** By 2020, it is projected that people in our 13-county service region will depend on our partner agencies for 40 million nutritious meals every year. That equates to about 50 million pounds of food. This food assures families stay healthy, parents can remain employed and children are fed and ready to learn in school. In order for us to receive more nutritious and higher quality food and distribute it more quickly and efficiently, we need to renovate our warehouse space.
- What happens if people have insufficient amounts or kinds of food?** Food insufficiency and hunger lead to health problems, failure in school, difficulty at work, and reduced self-reliance. By feeding hungry neighbors, we reduce those problems, increase the possibility of success at school, help people maintain their jobs and encourage self-reliance and self-sufficiency.
- What’s next?** After we move offices and program space out of the warehouse into the new building, we’ll have more room to renovate the infrastructure necessary to receive, process and distribute more food. This will allow us to provide more nutritious and higher quality food via a faster and more efficient distribution system. Bottom line: greater quantities of food are necessary every day to feed more people in need.
- How can the public get involved?** Financial support is crucial, but we also need volunteers and community advocates. To find out how to help, please call Tracey Boyes at (817) 332-9177 ext. 134.
- How can the public get more information?** Visit <http://building.tafb.org> or call Tracey Boyes at (817) 332-9177 ext. 134.