

NEWS ADVISORY Tarrant Area Food Bank - *Fighting Hunger in 13 Counties*
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To increase food distribution capacity, Tarrant Area Food Bank to break ground on \$12 million construction and remodeling project

New building adds to Cullen Street facility; future warehouse renovations to increase capacity to handle 50 million pounds of food by 2020

VISUALS & SOUND: Sunrise groundbreaking with gold-colored shovels and hard hats; city and county officials, foundation directors and other Fort Worth leaders; music by Razzmatazz Band. Brief remarks by food bank director, capital campaign leaders, leading foundation donor.

WHAT: At sunrise groundbreaking, Tarrant Area Food Bank announces the start of construction on a multi-million dollar program and administration building along with the kick-off of a public campaign to raise additional funds to renovate, update and expand its warehouse facility.

WHEN: Thursday, Sept. 25, 2014, 7:30 a.m. -- Groundbreaking followed by Celebration Breakfast

WHERE: Tarrant Area Food Bank, 2600 Cullen St. and 2525 Cullen St., Fort Worth, TX 76107

WHY: From 2008 to 2014, the amount of food Tarrant Area Food Bank distributed to hunger-relief charities more than doubled from over 15 million pounds to 33 million pounds. The food bank projects that in the same number of years, from 2014 to 2020, the amount of food needed by partner charities will increase to 50 million pounds annually.

HOW: "Building to Feed Communities," the capital campaign raising funds for the Tarrant Area Food Bank capital improvements, is directed by a volunteer steering committee of over 25 Fort Worth area community leaders. Their efforts brought together a coalition of major foundations and individual donors to fund the construction of the building for program and administrative staff currently housed in the warehouse. The future building at 2525 Cullen Street is named the Dorothy and Norman M. Kronick Program and Administration Building in honor of a leading donation from the Fort Worth Foundation. The public, as well as businesses, foundations and other community organizations, will be invited to donate funds for the expansion and modernization of the food bank's warehouse across the street at 2600 Cullen.

For more information on "Building to Feed Communities," visit <http://building.tafb.org>.

TARRANT AREA FOOD BANK (TAFB) is a primary source of donated food for 300 major hunger-relief programs in Fort Worth and the surrounding 13 counties of Tarrant, Denton, Johnson, Hood, Parker, Cooke, Bosque, Erath, Hamilton, Hill, Palo Pinto, Somervell and Wise. Each month, the network provides groceries and/or prepared meals to an average of over 50,000 families. For more information, visit www.tafb.org and see TAFB on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube.