

News Release

Ribbon-cutting: New Tarrant Area Food Bank office building allows future renovation of Food Distribution Center to meet growing need

With first half of capital improvement plan completed, Tarrant Area Food Bank seeks funds to reconfigure Food Distribution Center to handle food for 42 million meals by 2020

FORT WORTH (September 3, 2015) — With a ribbon-cutting ceremony Tuesday, Sept. 15, Tarrant Area Food Bank will celebrate the completion of capital improvements that will allow the hunger-relief organization to reconfigure its Distribution Center to handle food for 42 million meals by 2020. Program and administrative staff formerly housed in part of the distribution center now occupy the new two-story office building across the street.

Fort Worth Mayor Pro Tem Sal Espino will be joined at the ceremony by other city and county officials, foundation directors, Tarrant Area Food Bank board members and other Fort Worth leaders at 9:45 a.m. in front of the new Dorothy and Norman M. Kronick Building, 2525 Cullen St., Fort Worth 76107.

As part of the celebration, Tarrant Area Food Bank will announce the kick-off of a public campaign to raise additional funds for renovating its Food Distribution Center at 2600 Cullen Street. Guests will be invited to tour the new office building and talk to food bank board members about the plans for increasing the capacity of the Tarrant Area Food Bank Distribution Center.

In fiscal year 2015, Tarrant Area Food bank distributed nearly 26 million meals worth of food. In five years, the need is projected to be 42 million meals. In order for the Tarrant Area Food Bank Distribution Center to be reconfigured for effectively handling that amount of food, space previously occupied by program and administrative staff will be used.

Funds for the Kronick office building were raised through the "Building to Feed Communities" campaign directed by a volunteer steering committee of Fort Worth area community leaders including co-chairs Larry Anfin, Cornelia Friedman and Brad Cecil. Their efforts brought together a coalition of major foundations and individual donors to fund construction of the building, which is named the Dorothy and Norman M. Kronick Building in honor of a leading donation from the Fort Worth Foundation.

The capital campaign committee continues to raise funds for increasing the capacity of the Food Distribution Center at 2600 Cullen. The public, as well as businesses, foundations and other community organizations, are invited to donate funds. For more information on "Building to Feed Communities," visit building.tafb.org.

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