



# 2009 Annual Report

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**Our mission is to feed hungry people**

*“My wife and I have only Social Security checks for income. Our disabled son lives next door and we must help him pay bills and buy food. We share the food from the Food Bank with him. The bread, fruit, and sweets we receive are the only time we have these.”*

*Buford, San Marcos*



## Community Benefit

**\$1,157,000** = value of food distributed in Hays County

**10,100** = average number of times a month people received food in 2009, a **45% increase from 2007**

**60 +** = number of partner agencies in Hays County

**6,537** = number of people who enjoyed a turkey dinner with all the trimmings for Thanksgiving

**7** = number of weekly food distributions for residents of Kyle, Buda, Wimberley, San Marcos, Martindale, and outlying areas

**\$454,000** = value of food passed along to partner agencies at no charge

## A Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends:

In every challenge there is opportunity. This current economic climate brings our mission into sharper focus and helps us realize that we exist because of the generosity of this community. We are stewards of our mission to feed hungry people, and we know this task is crucial to the well-being and quality of life for many people living in Hays County.

To weather this economic storm, we keep a close eye on spending, while increasing our efforts to educate the community about hunger in Hays County. As a donor, you can be confident in the financial stability of our organization and our commitment to the long-term success of the Food Bank.

Our greatest challenge is how to move and store food because we are housed in a mere 2,250 square feet of space. Options to expand are limited and we have researched the possibilities for short-term solutions. Our future home is planned for the Village of San Marcos on Hunter Road, yet raising sufficient money to build will be a challenge in this economy. We will enclose the carport in the coming months in our current building to make more room; however, this still leaves us with about half the space needed to handle daily operations given the number of people we serve. This shortage of space must be resolved soon to remain responsive to the challenges of an ever increasing need for food, the explosive population growth in our area, and a slowing economy — all at the same time!

Thank you for partnering with us. Together, we make a real difference in our community.



*"These are tough times for everyone. I wound up having health issues and could not work to support the family as much as I used to. Now, my family does not need to worry about budgeting for food as much - they have food to eat and we can have more money free to pay for bills."*

**Nick, Kyle**

*"My husband recently lost his job and has not been able to find another job. The food we get from the food bank helps stretch the household budget so that we can use that money for bills and things the kids need such as diapers."*

**Tanya, San Marcos**

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

A hungry child struggles to learn and succeed in life. A hungry senior faces the constant stress of choosing to buy food or pay for utilities or medicine. Hunger impacts the quality of life for everyone.

Each day the Food Bank helps to feed hungry people in this tough economy, bringing the security of food on the table, improved quality of life, and the promise of better days to come.

### Community Impact

In 2009, the Food Bank distributed \$1,157,000 worth of food in our local area, helping people in need an average of 10,100 times a month in Kyle, Buda, Wimberley, Martindale, San Marcos and outlying areas.

The food received by these families does much more than help make ends meet. An adequate and nutritious supply of food is crucial to good health and quality of life, especially for children and seniors.

"The first three years of life are the most critical period of brain growth and development. Child hunger causes physical and mental impairment that may never be reversed. There is no better investment in a prosperous future than investing in ending childhood hunger." John Cook, Ph.D., Boston Medical Center and Boston University School of Medicine, May 2009

"The startling fact that so many very young children in the country do not have adequate nutrition necessary to grow and develop into healthy adults is heart-breaking. It is all the more tragic when one considers that it is also entirely preventable. We know that

a child who is hungry cannot learn; they become a man or woman who cannot learn." Vikki Es-carra, President and CEO of Feed America, May 2009

### Turkeys Tackling Hunger

In 2009, 6,537 people enjoyed a Thanksgiving meal provided by the Food Bank. People in need received a turkey and a box filled with all the items needed for a holiday feast. This annual tradition has brought hope to struggling families for over 20 years as we share the bounty of the Thanksgiving season with our community. Turkeys Tackling Hunger, a fundraising campaign organized each fall, netted over \$52,000 for this program last year.

### Response to the Economic Slowdown

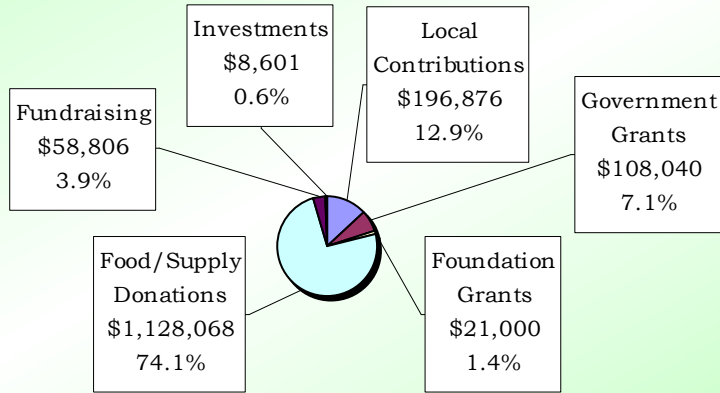
The Food Bank has seen an increased need for food due to the slowing economy. There has been a 45 % increase in the number of times people received food in 2009 compared to 2007. This number reflects changes in the local economy where people have lost jobs and medical benefits. The food received from the Food Bank helps these struggling families make ends meet, freeing up money for other necessities

### New Distribution Site in Kyle

In light of the explosive population growth in the Kyle and Buda area, we added a second public food distribution every Wednesday evening at La Roca Fellowship on Goforth Road. This gives a more convenient option to people in this part of the County, especially for those who cannot afford the drive to San Marcos.

# Financial Report

## Sources of Support

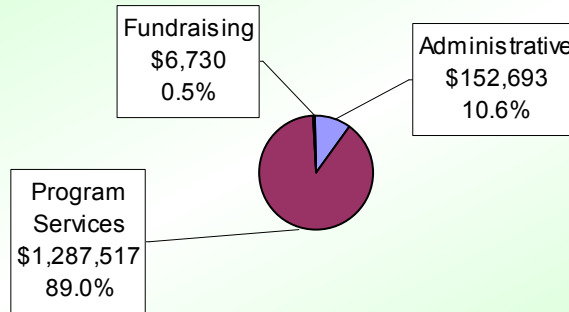


The 2009 Audit Report and IRS Form 990 are available for review at [www.HaysFoodBank.org](http://www.HaysFoodBank.org) in the Donate section under the Financial Information tab.

The Hays County Food Bank is tax exempt under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions are tax deductible.

Financial records are audited each year by an independent Certified Public Accountant in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

## How Support Was Used



# Community Partners

## Major Financial Donors

- The City of San Marcos
- County of Hays
- United Way of Hays County
- The Mitchell Foundation
- Hays Consolidated Independent School District
- HEB Grocery Stores
- Skiles and Associates Real Estate
- Grande Communications
- Twice Blessed Consignment Shop
- First Baptist Church - San Marcos
- City of Kyle
- Wells Fargo Bank
- First Presbyterian Church, San Marcos
- San Marcos Consolidated Independent School District
- St. Marks Episcopal Church. San Marcos

## Major Food Donors

- HEB Grocery Stores
- Capital Area Food Bank
- St. Stephens Episcopal Church - Wimberley
- Texas State University, San Marcos
- Kentucky Fried Chicken - Buda & Kyle
- Hays Consolidated Independent School District
- San Marcos Consolidated Independent School District
- Texas Natural Organic Farm - Buda
- National Association of Letter Carriers Annual Food Drive
- U.S. Food Service - Austin
- Wright Distributing - New Braunfels

Our thanks to the many businesses, corporations, churches, schools, and civic organizations that support us and to our many individual donors and volunteers who lend a hand to help feed hungry people.

Lend a Hand



## Going Forward

The Food Bank has but one mission — to feed hungry people, a challenge in these tough economic times. Every donation brings the security of food on the table and the promise of better days to come.

You can lend a hand by taking action today to make a difference in the life of a hungry child or senior.

### Lend A Hand

- **Stay informed by joining the mailing list**
- **Follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/Hays.County.Food.Bank](http://www.facebook.com/Hays.County.Food.Bank)**
- **Volunteer or organize a food/fund drive**
- **Give a one - time gift or sign up to be a recurring donor online**

It's summer, and it's a struggle keep food on the shelves at the Food Bank. This happens every year because donations drop off about the same time school kids come home for the summer.

Low - income families, already stressed by the slow economy, now have the additional stress of feeding kids who usually eat breakfast and lunch at school through the free and reduced - lunch program. Sources report that 68% of students in the San Marcos Consolidated Independent School District and 48% of Hays CISD students are eligible for this program.

To learn how you can take action to make our community a better place, visit [www.HaysFoodBank.org](http://www.HaysFoodBank.org) or call the office at 512-392-8300.

## Leadership

### 2009 Board of Directors

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