



nourishing neighbors in need since 1985



72,272
Unique Individuals Served

7,619,838
Total Pounds Distributed

ANNUAL REPORT: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024



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Letter from the Director

The Brazos Valley Food Bank (BVFB) Board of Directors and staff are proud to provide you our 2023-2024 Annual Report. 2023-2024 was a year of great need in the Brazos Valley. Comparing FY22-23 to FY23-24, the increase in need becomes very evident. Highlights include:

BVFB & Agency Partners

- 21% increase in total pounds of food distributed, with a 38% increase in total fresh food pounds (Agency Partners & Programs)
- 16% increase in unique individuals served (Agency Partners & Programs)

Agency Partners Only

- 25% increase in food distributed through Agency Partners, resulting in a 19% increase in unique individuals assisted

Only BVFB Programs

- 24% increase in unique people visiting BVFB Mobile Food Pantries
- 118% increase in patients screened for food insecurity as part of BVFB's Food Is Medicine work
- 61% increase in applications submitted by BVFB staff for government safety net services
- 2140% increase in participants in our job readiness services
- 24% increase in unique volunteers, providing a 41% increase in volunteer hours



THERESA MANGAPORA, MSW
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

For more details on the work of BVFB's Agency Partners, programs, and volunteers, as well as information on how BVFB ended the fiscal year financially, please read on. And, as always, please reach out to me at tmangapora@bvfb.org with any questions. BVFB is your Food Bank, and we could not do what we do without you.

How we use our resources

Program Services*	95.6%
Fundraising	2.8%
Administrative	1.6%

*Food Distribution, Client Assistance, Disaster Relief

Where Our Food Goes

Agency Partners	65%
BVFB Programs	35%

Where Our Food Comes From

Donations	38%
Government (USDA)	30%
Purchased	26%
Reclamation	6%

Where Our Funding Comes From

Individual Contributions	48%
Government	25%
Grants/Trusts	15%
Shared Maintenance	12%



VISION STATEMENT

OUR VISION IS A HUNGER-FREE BRAZOS VALLEY.

MISSION STATEMENT

THE BRAZOS VALLEY FOOD BANK UNITES OUR COMMUNITY
TO NOURISH OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED.

Celebrate our 40th Anniversary

with us!

In 2025, the Brazos Valley Food Bank proudly celebrates 40 years of fighting hunger across the Brazos Valley.

Since 1985, we've grown from a small operation into a regional leader in hunger relief, distributing millions of pounds of food each year through a network of dedicated partners and programs. This milestone is a testament to the power of community—neighbors helping neighbors—and we are grateful for every volunteer, donor, and supporter who has walked alongside us on this journey.

Read through our organizational timeline and photo collage in the next few pages to learn more about our history and the moments that shaped who we are today. **Here's to 40 years of impact—and to continuing the fight to end hunger, together.**

4 WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

In honor of our 40 years of service, we've created 40 Ways to Get Involved with BVFB —

a unique opportunity for everyone to participate in the fight against hunger. Whether you want to volunteer, donate, or promote, there's a way for you to make a difference. Explore the options on our website and find the perfect way to celebrate this milestone with us! Together, we can create a hunger-free Brazos Valley.



www.bvfb.org/40-ways-get-involved

40 YEARS IN THE BRAZOS VALLEY

Incorporated as the Brazos Food Bank (BFB). 100% volunteer run. 1,800 square food facility (Drive thru in College Station). Distributed 50,000 lbs. of food that year. Next year, became at Secondary Distribution Organization (SDO) of the Houston Food Bank.

1985

Three years earlier, first paid position created and moved to a larger warehouse (390 Industrial, Bryan). Year prior, joined Texas Association of Second Harvest Food Banks (TASHFB). Distributed 150,000 lbs. of food that year.

1990

First KBTX Food for Families Food Drive occurs.

1995

Moved to a larger location (1514 Shiloh, Bryan). First paid driver hired. Distributed 1.5M lbs. of food that year.

2000

Responded to a natural disaster, Hurricanes Katrina /Rita. Began its Children's BackPack program. Distributed 1.7M lbs. of food that year.

2005

Was nearing the end of its *Because Hunger Won't Wait* Capital Campaign for a larger building. Began its Nutrition Education program. Distributed 6.8M lbs. of food that year.

2015

Two years prior, began its Retail PickUp Program. Same year, started its Mobile Food Pantry for Madison County. Distributed 2.9M lbs. of food.

2010

Changed name to the Brazos Valley Food Bank (BVFB). Purchased first refrigerated truck. Began its Senior and SNAP Outreach programs. Distributed 2M lbs. of food that year.

2007

Moved to current location (1501 Independence, Bryan). Started Food Insecurity Screen & Intervene and Together We Grow programs. Distributed 6.8M lbs. of food that year.

2017

During the pandemic, deemed essential workers by local government entities. Determined how to remain open, safely engage volunteers and partners, while changing how we worked – adding a food assistance hotline, home delivery of quarantine kits & Super Drive through distributions. Distributed 6.7M lbs. of food that year.

2020

Prior year, started Project Going the Extra Mile (Project GotEM), food delivery program. Awarded ARPA fund for capacity building, which included upgrades for BVFB, as well as Agency partners. Procured and installed back-up generator. Supply chain issues were ever present - impacting food received. Distributed 5.4M lbs. of food.

2022

Completing ARPA renovation at current location, including the addition of a second cooler. Introducing new fundraising event, Pantry to Plate Chef Challenge.

40th
Anniversary!

2025

NOURISHING NEIGHBORS IN NEED

PHOTOS OVER THE YEARS

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BackPack Program started in 2005, in 2007 2 rural schools were added



Installation of BVFB first generator in 2022



2011 Wild Fire Disaster Relief Effort in Grimes Co.



Food Boxes for Home Delivery started in COVID 19 Pandemic. Modified program still running today.



To social distance, used the Volunteer Gallery to safely assembly COVID 19 Quarantine Kits



First Mobile Food Pantry - started in 2007 at the Madison County Fairgrounds - still operating today.



Warehouse rows blocked with food at Shiloh location in 2021, indicating need for more space.

PHOTOS OVER THE YEARS



First School Based Food Pantry - started in 2013



BCS Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting at 1501 Independence Ave in 2018



Job Readiness Programs' (TWG) garden, started in 2017



Feast of Caring annual fundraiser, since 1993



SNAP Outreach Services, started in 2007



Super Food Distribution during COVID 19 Pandemic



KBTX's Food For Families Food Drive, benefitting BVFB Agency Partners since 1995

**BRAZOS - BURLESON - GRIMES - MADISON
WASHINGTON - ROBERTSON**

1 in 7

households in the Brazos
Valley experience food
insecurity

1 in 5

households with children in
the Brazos Valley
experience food insecurity

3,958

square miles covered in
our 6 county service area

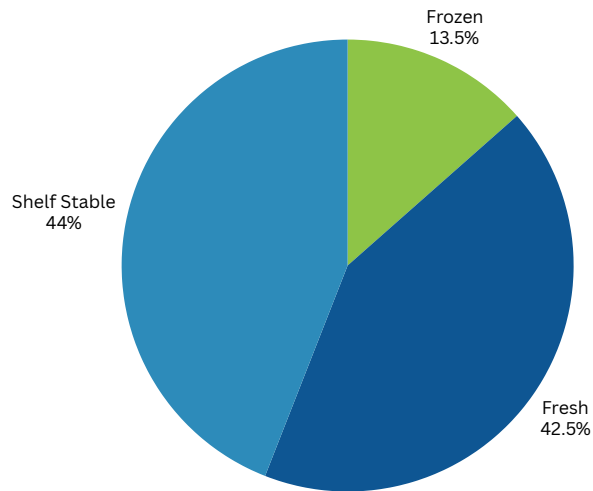




7,689,782

pounds of food **received**
through individual donations, food drives,
retail partners, Houston Food Bank,
government grants & purchasing

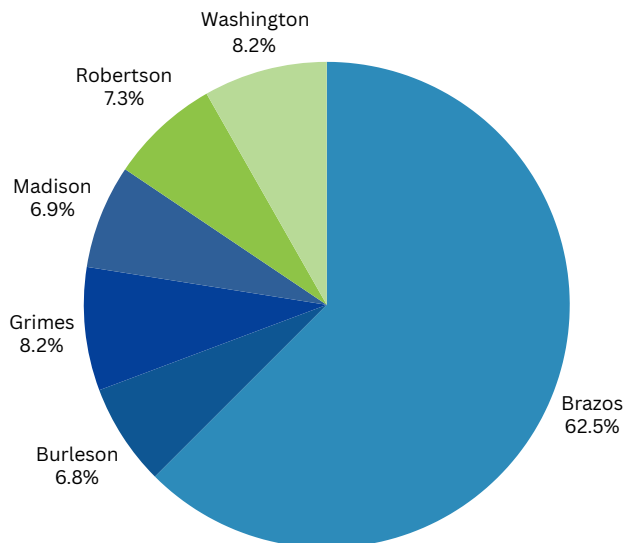
Food Received by Type



7,619,838

pounds of food **distributed**
through BVFB Agency Partners & Programs

Pounds Distributed by County



3,068,764

Fresh Produce
Pounds Distributed

4,551,074

Nutritious Pounds
Distributed



3,116

Unique individuals
volunteered time and
talent, culminating in

18,619

Volunteer hours that
resulted in

53,395 Backpacks

16,314 Senior Bags

11,122 Project GotEM Boxes

739 Screen & Intervene boxes

4,320 hours spent sorting
food for Agency Partners

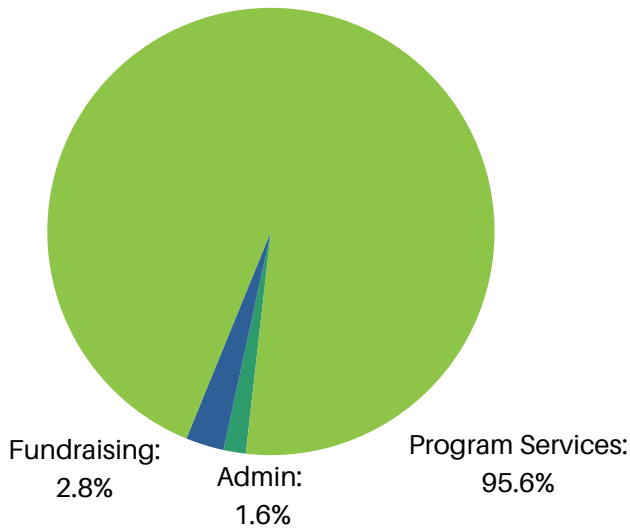
2,125 hours Warehouse Work

80 hours Gardening



FOR EVERY \$1 GIFTED TO BVFB,
96 CENTS GOES DIRECTLY TO SERVING THE HUNGRY

BVFB Expenses



Income

Donated food/Services	\$11,247,054
Contributions	\$3,030,972
Shared Maintenance *	\$387,071
Government grants/contracts	\$1,221,227
All other sources	\$145,728
TOTAL INCOME	\$15,923,052

Expenses

Program Services	\$15,194,239
Mgmnt & General	\$255,609
Fundraising	\$439,283
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$15,889,131

Ending Net Assets: \$33,921

*Shared Maintenance is a handling fee paid to Food Banks by Agency Partners across the country in return for services provided. This practice and appropriate fees are regulated by Feeding America. BVFB's rate is \$0.19/lb., with perishable and other items being free.



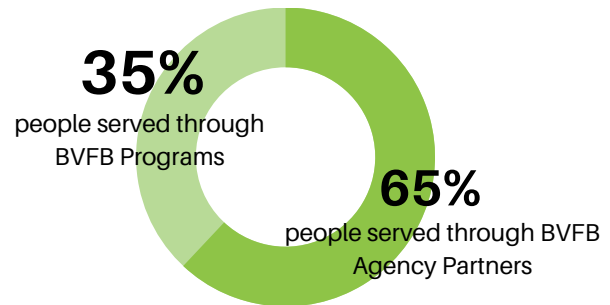
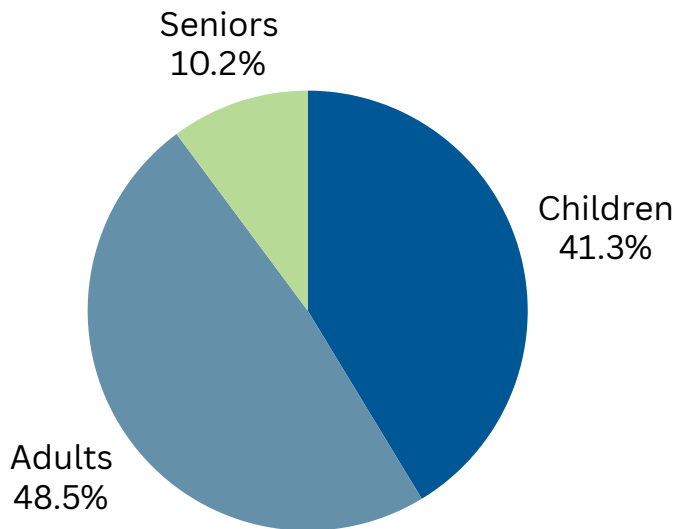
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individuals,
children, families
& seniors served

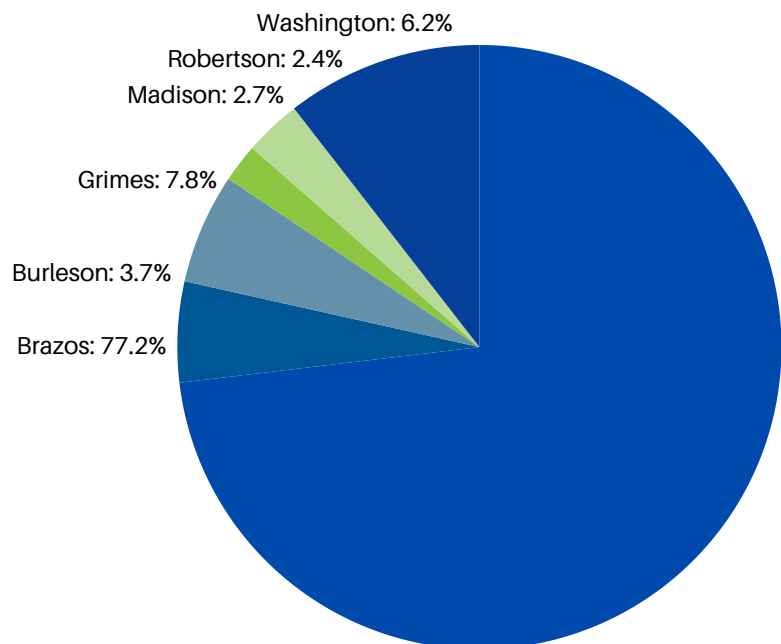
through BVFB Agency Partners &
Programs in Brazos, Burleson,
Grimes, Madison, Robertson &
Washington counties.



Neighbors fed by Age



Neighbors fed by County



36

Agency Partners
received food from BVFB to feed

45,781

unique individuals
& distributed

5,103,735

pounds of food
across six counties

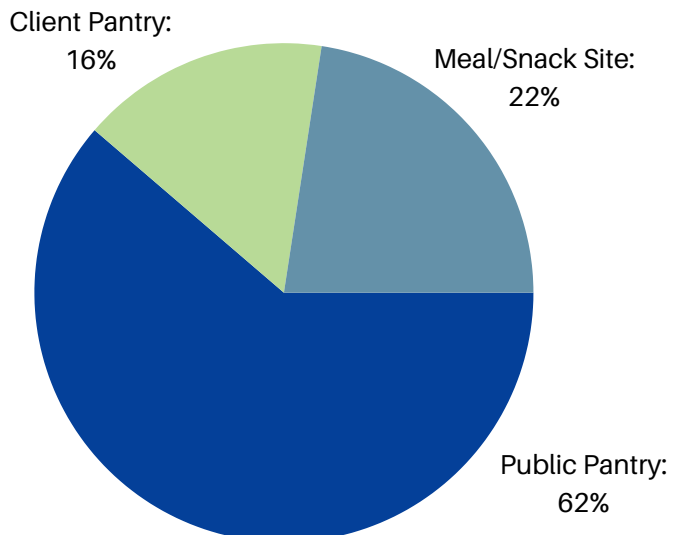


BVFB Agency Partners by Type

Public Pantry: Distributes food to all food insecure individuals in the communities they serve

Client Pantry: Distributes food to individuals participating in their programs/services

Meal/Snack Site: Provides prepared meals/snacks to individuals at the Agency's location



Solving Hunger Today

Client facing programs delivered by BVFB in partnership with schools, healthcare providers, senior programs and others.



BACKPACK PROGRAM



Provided **2,039 children** with **53,395 BackPacks** through **41 partner schools**.

Bags filled with ready-to-eat food provided to elementary aged students through their schools for the weekend when hunger may be heightened.

SCHOOL-BASED FOOD PANTRIES



Provided **6,693 individuals** with **29,677 pounds of food** at **17 partner sites**.

On-campus school food pantries accessible to middle, intermediate and high school students, their families and school personnel at risk of hunger.

SCREEN & INTERVENE



Provided **1609 food insecure patients** with **23,490 pounds** of shelf-stable and **774 pounds** of perishable food through **8 health care partnerships**.

Empowers healthcare providers in identifying food-insecure individuals and families in their practice and connecting them to food resources in their community.

PROJECT GOTEM



Provided **687 individuals** with **346,274 pounds** of food **delivered in 11,122 boxes**.

Home delivery of nutritious, shelf-stable food and produce to those impacted by the pandemic in B/CS.

SENIOR OUTREACH PROGRAM



Provided **763 seniors** with **16,314 food bags** through **13 Senior/Home Delivered Meals partners**.

Supplemental bags filled with easy-to-prepare food items for low-income seniors.

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Provided **11,004 individuals** with **956,573 pounds of food** distributed through **48 Mobile Pantries** held in **5 locations** (Brazos, Grimes, Madison and Washington).

Temporary food pantries set up in underserved areas of the Brazos Valley on a set schedule each month.

FRESH FOOD DROPS

Provided **3,316 individuals** with **581,946 pounds of food** distributed through **271 Fresh Food Drops** held in **10 locations** (Brazos, Grimes, Robertson, and Washington).

Fresh produce pantries provide supplemental perishable goods like produce & bakery items.

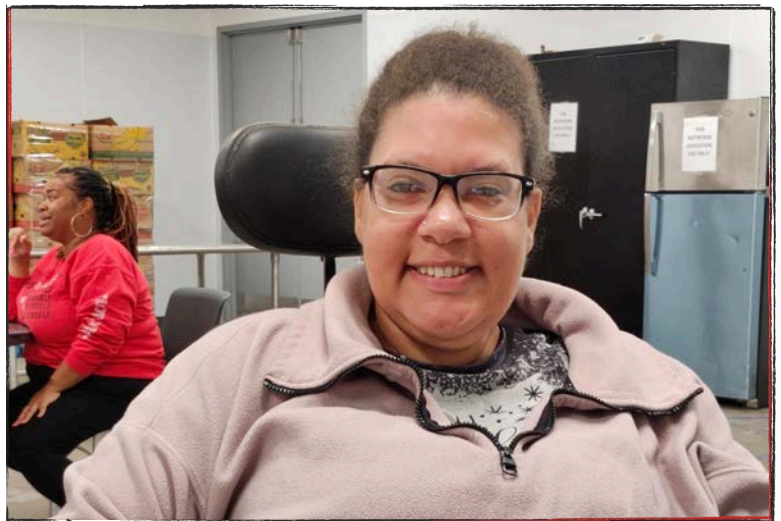
Ending Hunger Tomorrow

Client facing programs that BVFB operates targeting the underlying causes of hunger - focusing on education, resource acquisition and skills building.

NUTRITION EDUCATION

1,415 unique individuals served through **152** nutrition education classes distributing **580** pounds of produce

Free classes taught to low-income individuals by partnering with community organizations.



BENEFITS ASSISTANCE & REFERRAL PARTNER PROGRAM

336 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) applications submitted, **370** health coverage applications submitted, **27** TANF applications submitted, and **66** referrals to **38 partners** offering community resources.

BVFB staff dedicated to connecting neighbors in need to community resources.

TOGETHER WE GROW

113 participants across **25 cohorts** exhibiting a **591% increase** in net income and **17% increase** in food security while producing **4,765 pounds** of produce grown in our on-site garden.

Five week program aimed at helping eligible participants earn job readiness skills including leadership, stress management, time management, and financial skills.



BRAZOS 52,895  4,707,872 lbs 

17 Agency Partners
24 Elementary Schools in the Backpack Program
11 Middle/High Schools in the School Based Food Pantry Program

4 Partners with Senior Outreach Program
6 Healthcare Clinic Partners with Screen & Intervene
14 Nutrition Education Class Sites

1 Mobile Pantry
8 Fresh Produce Drops
1 Home Delivery Service
1 Workforce Readiness Program
3 Community Resource Partners

BURLESON 3,040  499,142 lbs 

3 Agency Partners
3 Elementary Schools in the Backpack Program

2 Middle/High Schools in the School Based Food Pantry Program
1 Partner with Senior Outreach Program

3 Nutrition Education Class Sites
2 Community Resource Sites

GRIMES 4,317  609,098 lbs 

4 Agency Partners
5 Elementary Schools in the Backpack Program

2 Partner with Senior Outreach Program
1 Nutrition Education Class Site

1 Mobile Pantry
2 Fresh Produce Drops
1 Community Resource Site

MADISON 2,270  530,543 lbs 

2 Agency Partners
3 Elementary Schools in the Backpack Program

1 Partner with Senior Outreach Program
1 Healthcare Clinic Partners with Screen & Intervene

1 Nutrition Education Class Site
1 Mobile Pantry
2 Community Resource Sites

ROBERTSON 2,071  570,009 lbs 

4 Agency Partners
3 Elementary Schools in the Backpack Program

1 Middle/High School in the School Based Food Pantry Program
3 Partners with Senior Outreach Program

1 Nutrition Education Class Site
1 Community Resource Site

WASHINGTON 7,605  646,323 lbs 

5 Agency Partners
3 Elementary Schools in the Backpack Program

2 Middle/High School in the School Based Food Pantry Program
2 Partners with Senior Outreach Program

3 Nutrition Education Class Sites
1 Mobile Pantry
1 Community Resource Site

Building Capacity of BVFB & Agency Partners

TDA - ARPA FUNDS

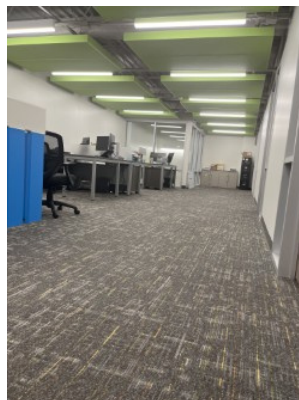
In the fall of 2021, BVFB was awarded a transformational multi-year Food Bank Capacity Grant of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA).

Along with awarding **5 Agency Partners** with funds to improve their facilities and **4 Agency Partners** with walk-in coolers, BVFB entered into contract with PACT Design Studio to design and oversee the renovation of BVFB's administrative space, as well as add a **second Walk-In Cooler** for produce storage.

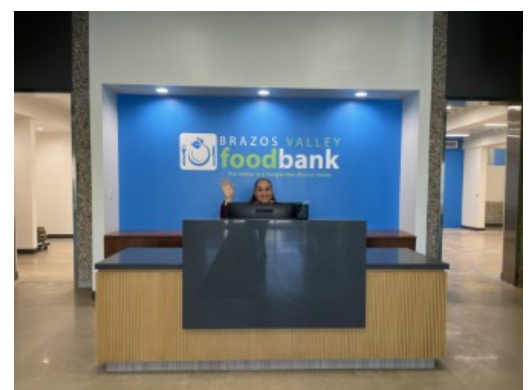
After almost two long years of construction, we are almost complete with this project!



Volunteer Gallery



Second Floor Offices



Reception Area



Modular Offices in Warehouse
for Operations Staff



Cleared out Annex ready for Cooler
Install - coming Summer 2026!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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