



Tarrant County ranks in the top 10 counties in the U.S. for number of food-insecure persons

- 18.5% face food insecurity (15.9% national average) = 340,000 people, 130,000 children
- 10 of 13 schools in WestAid service Area have majority of students food-insecure
- 2017: WestAid distributed ~400,000 pounds of food, market value \$550,000+ to 28,700 people on budget of \$213,000
- Recent media attention has been drawn to the “Las Vegas Trail” area: this is our service area

Capacity: 50 families daily, plus lunches for homeless.

- Families shop by a client-choice system once every three months
- Gap sacks given in other months
- Everyone who comes gets food to take with them: at least a sack lunch

Clients need food security first, but then they need help with strategies to overcome food insecurity.

- Are they taking advantage of benefits and programs for which they are eligible?
- Are they employable? What could be done to improve their situation?
- Do they have a safe residence? What other support systems are available to them?
- WestAid is addressing this through Project Passage, with SW interns and referrals

WestAid Space

- 3500 square feet leased store front in strip shopping center
- Bus accessible, handicap accessible

WestAid Volunteers:

- Base of 90 or so rotating from churches, community = 9,300+ hours 2017
- Volunteer base is mostly retired persons who can work during the day only

WestAid Operating budget:

- Churches 26%
- Individuals 21%
- Grants, foundations 20%
- Corporate donations 17%
- Federal Government Emergency Food and Shelter program 8%
- Special Event fundraisers 5%
- Other 2%