

North Texas Food Bank Grant 2024

White Rock Center of Hope Receives \$57,000 Grant from North Texas Food Bank

December 20, 2024 (Dallas, TX) – White Rock Center of Hope (Hope) announced today that it received a \$57,000 grant from the North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) for capacity building and the purchase of a refrigerated box truck. NTFB is the primary source of food for Hope’s Food Pantry and around 500 others across a 13-county region.

“Over the last few years, demand for services at the White Rock Center of Hope Food Pantry has continued to rise. In 2024, Hope distributed 69% more pounds of food than in 2023, which was also a record-breaking year. NTFB funding for a refrigerated truck allows Hope to accelerate our growth, and immediately increases our capacity to collect and distribute food to neighbors in need here in East Dallas,” said Dr. Greg Smith, White Rock Center of Hope's chief executive officer.

This grant funded a twenty-foot refrigerated truck. It provides tremendous improvement for the logistical aspect of getting food from retailers and other donors, into the Hope pantry with less loss (from spoilage) and fewer trips on the road (with increased capacity).

Kaylan VanPelt, director of neighbor services, shared, “Our drivers no longer have to make multiple trips to collect donations from the same place and we have even used it as back-up cold storage when the holiday turkeys arrived!”

With the help of more than 1,000 volunteers, White Rock Center of Hope expects to provide even more nutritious meals to the East Dallas community.

About North Texas Food Bank

The North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) is a leading nonprofit organization that fights hunger and provides children, seniors and families in North Texas access to nutritious food. For over 40 years, we have been at the forefront of hunger relief, committed to ensuring that no one in our community lacks access to healthy food. Our extensive network of 500 food pantries and organizations, volunteers, and donors enables us to deliver more than 100 million nutritious meals annually to those in need. Beyond just addressing hunger, we focus on nourishing lives by offering nutrition education, investing in our network partners, innovating solutions to eliminate hunger and advocating for policies that tackle the root causes of food insecurity.

Our dedication to excellence is reflected in our 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, highlighting our strong governance, integrity, and financial stability. As a proud member of Feeding America, the nation's largest hunger relief network, we are committed to ensuring everyone in North Texas has the nourishment needed to lead a healthy and fulfilling life. For more information, visit www.ntfb.org or connect with us on social media @NorthTexasFoodBank.

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About White Rock Center of Hope

White Rock Center of Hope (Hope) is an East Dallas non-profit committed to creating a community where every person thrives. The organization provides basic needs services, including a Food Pantry, Clothing Closet, and Financial Assistance for Housing, along with personalized empowerment for those residing in 75218, 75228, 75238, 75223, and 75214. In Fiscal 2024, Hope distributed 770,900 pounds of food – a 69% increase over the prior fiscal year. Hope is designated a 4-Star Exceptional organization by Charity Navigator, has achieved the 2024 Platinum badge of transparency from Guidestar/Candid, and is an NTFB partner agency.

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