



WHAT YOU AS A BUSINESS CAN DO TO HELP

You can help by donating food, funds, equipment, transportation, time, information, and ideas.

FOOD

You can donate any food item that meets the requirements of the Good Samaritan Act. Items frequently donated include:

- odd-size produce
- dairy products
- frozen foods
- overproduced or discontinued items
- mislabeled products
- dented cans
- other non-food items (paper goods, cleaning supplies, etc.)
- short-dated products

FUNDING

We keep operating costs low, but they do exist. Salaries, utilities, fuel, freight, and maintenance all require funds. Your donations make our operations possible and they are tax deductible.

EQUIPMENT

We need the same types of equipment used in most retail and wholesale food distribution operations. All items donated qualify for a tax deduction. For example, if you are in the business of selling trucks or warehouse equipment, you can donate them to the East Texas Food Bank and receive tax credit. (We recommend that all businesses consult with their accountant before equipment is donated.)

TRANSPORTATION

Donated transportation is needed to pick up products from donors. If you back haul empty, we could use you.

TIME

Volunteer assistance is needed in our office, warehouse, and sorting area. Call to tell us how you can help. (903-597-FOOD)

INFORMATION

Tell the story of the East Texas Food Bank or arrange for a speaker from the food bank for your organization or civic group. In addition, we need contacts with potential donors and volunteers.

YOUR BENEFITS AND PROTECTION

WHAT YOUR DONATIONS WILL DO

Your donations will increase:

- your contributions to community service
- your enhancement of public image (donor requests for anonymity will be honored)
- your tax advantage by saving your business tax dollars
- the efficiency of your business by eliminating the problem of damaged or surplus merchandise

HOW YOU WILL BENEFIT

Upon a provision of the Federal Tax Act of 1976 (PL 94-455, 170E), corporations which donate any items of inventory to a non-profit organization can deduct the cost of the items plus one half of their unrealized profits on donated items (up to 5% of their gross taxable income from their annual federal taxes). Receipts are provided by the East Texas Food Bank.



HOW YOU WILL BE PROTECTED?

Food donors are protected from liability by:

- the Good Faith Donor Act (Art. 4476-5c)
- quality checks by the East Texas Food Bank
- written agreements between the East Texas Food Bank and member agencies.

Should a product become tainted after leaving the food bank or a recipient agency, The East Texas Food Bank and its donors are protected by the Good Faith Donor Act of 1981. This law states that food donors will not be held liable for mishaps if they exercise reasonable diligence in examining the food and if they distribute the food with a good faith belief that it is good quality wholesome food.

Quality checks are made by East Texas Food Bank employees and volunteers under the guidance of America's Second Harvest. Only food which meets all local, county, state, and federal safety and quality requirements will be distributed to member agencies.

Those agencies who receive food from the East Texas Food Bank are required to sign an Agency Membership Release Agreement which releases the original donor and the East Texas Food Bank from any liability.