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**Walmart Foundation Awards TFBN \$50,000 Associates Choice Award**  
**Company's Support Helps Texas Food Banks Fight Hunger in Your Community**

The Texas Food Bank Network (TFBN) was selected as the first-prize winner of a \$50,000 grant from the Walmart Foundation's Associate Choice Program. Walmart associates chose TFBN from a field of three non-profit organizations in Texas as the cause most important to their community.

"We are grateful for the Walmart Foundation's commitment to our efforts to ensure no child in Texas goes hungry," said Celia Cole, CEO of TFBN. "Collectively, our 20 member food banks feed 3 million people each year, including one million children. Support from the Walmart Foundation will help us provide nutritious food to Texas families struggling with hunger."

The Walmart Foundation sponsors the Associates Choice Program in all 50 states. Associates were asked to vote for the charity of their choice during an online poll conducted this summer.

Almost one in five (18.5%) of Texas households are "food insecure," meaning they struggle to afford food on a consistent basis, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. One in four Texas children lives in a household at risk of hunger.

Walmart associates can be proud of the difference their vote will make in helping Texas food banks fight hunger in their communities.

TFBN's 20 member food banks provide hunger relief services through a network of 3,900 agencies covering all 254 counties of the state.

*The Texas Food Bank Network provides a unified voice among food banks in support of their common mission to end hunger in Texas. Learn more at [TFBN.org](http://TFBN.org).*

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