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### **Volunteers Decrease as Need Increases**

#### *Food Bank Seeks Volunteers to Pack Food Donations During The Week*

**(OKLAHOMA CITY)** – Jan. 14, 2015 - The Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma is in need of volunteers weekdays from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Donations from the holiday season need to be quickly sorted for distribution to partner agencies in 53 central and western counties.

“We are encouraging corporations to allow their employees to volunteer during the week so that we can work the product and get it to the people who need it as soon as possible,” said Denice Hurlbut, Volunteer Director of the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma.

Because of the work that volunteers do, the Regional Food Bank is able to provide enough food to feed more than 110,000 Oklahomans each week throughout 53 central and western Oklahoma counties. Last year, thousands of volunteers saved the nonprofit nearly \$3 million in labor.

Volunteer tasks include: bagging and boxing food products, boxing bread, working on salvage, packing Food for Kids bags and more. The Regional Food Bank, which is located at 3355 S. Purdue in Oklahoma City, accepts both individual volunteering and group volunteering. To view available opportunities and register to volunteer, visit [regionalfoodbank.org/volunteer](http://regionalfoodbank.org/volunteer).

Last year, more than 48,000 volunteers donated their time to the Regional Food Bank. Nearly 32 percent of all food that comes through the Regional Food Bank’s warehouse is worked by volunteers.

The Regional Food Bank is dedicated to “*Fighting Hunger...Feeding Hope.*” Established in 1980, the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma is the largest private hunger-relief organization in the state of Oklahoma.

Together, we can solve hunger. Through January 15, Chesapeake Energy Corporation and the Cresap Family Foundation have teamed up to match every dollar donated to the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma to fight childhood hunger – up to \$1 million! For more information visit [regionalfoodbank.org](http://regionalfoodbank.org) or call 405.600.3136.

The Regional Food Bank is the largest private hunger-relief organization in the state of Oklahoma. Last fiscal year, the nonprofit distributed 47.8 million pounds of food and products through a network of nearly 1,200 charitable feeding programs and schools in 53 central and western Oklahoma counties..

**About the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma**

The Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma is the state's largest private hunger relief organization. The nonprofit provides enough food to feed more than 110,000 hungry Oklahomans each week through a network of nearly 1,200 schools and charitable feeding programs in 53 central and western Oklahoma counties. Since its inception in 1980, the Regional Food Bank has distributed more than 538 million pounds of food to feed Oklahoma's hungry. For more information, visit <http://www.regionalfoodbank.org>; find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/regionalfoodbank](http://www.facebook.com/regionalfoodbank) or follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/rfbo](http://www.twitter.com/rfbo).

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