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The Coastal Bend Food Bank Receives Grant from the Morgan Stanley Foundation to Support Child and Family Hunger Relief Programs in the rural communities of the Coastal Bend.

*Corpus Christi, Texas, June 5, 2024* – The Coastal Bend Food Bank (CBFB) announced today that a \$32,000 grant from the Morgan Stanley Foundation will support its programs to more effectively reach children and families facing hunger in the rural communities of the Coastal Bend.

Support from this grant will go toward programs including our Mobile Pantry distribution and provide more nutritious food to families in the Coastal Bend's most rural communities. *On Wednesday, June 12, 2024, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, the local office of Morgan Stanley* group will volunteer at CBFB to help inspect, sort, and pack family food boxes for distribution through our Mobile Pantry distribution.

Food insecurity exists in every county, parish and borough in the United States. It impacts people of all ages, races, ethnicities, abilities and beliefs. In Texas one in eight people, including one in five children, face hunger.

The Coastal Bend Food Bank is grateful for the support the Morgan Stanely Foundation and their commitment to supporting the nutritional health of children and families across the country including those in the Coastal Bend. Their support will make a lasting impact in the lives of our youngest neighbors providing over 136,000 meals to families in our rural communities.

The Coastal Bend Food Bank is one of 44 Feeding America® partner food banks receiving funding from the Morgan Stanley Foundation this year, as part of its long-standing commitment

to supporting children's health in communities across the country. The Morgan Stanley Foundation has announced \$8 million in additional funding over the next four years to Feeding America, bringing the firm's total funding to more than \$50 million since 2009 to support local hunger-relief programs that deliver food assistance and nutritious meals to children and families.

"The Feeding America network of food banks is making a true difference for children and families facing hunger in communities across the United States," said Joan Steinberg, Global Head of Philanthropy at Morgan Stanley and President of the Morgan Stanley Foundation. "We are proud to support these innovative programs to reach communities that are particularly at risk of food insecurity."

To learn more about the movement to end hunger in America, visit <u>https://coastalbendfoodbank.org/</u>

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## About Coastal Bend Food Bank

The Coastal Bend Food Bank is a nonprofit organization that solicits and distributes food which might otherwise go to waste or be discarded by manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers. Since 1982, the Food Bank has been fighting hunger in the Coastal Bend by providing food and personal care products to various charity and service agencies in the 11–county service area. The Food Bank's mission is "We fight hunger and promote wellness through food distribution and nutrition education".

## **About Feeding America**

Feeding America is committed to an America where no one is hungry. We support tens of millions of people who experience food insecurity to get the food and resources they say they need to thrive as part of a nationwide network of food banks, statewide food bank associations, food pantries and meal programs. We also invest in innovative solutions to increase equitable access to nutritious food, advocate for legislation that improves food security and work to address factors that impact food security, such as health, cost of living and employment.

We partner with people experiencing food insecurity, policymakers, organizations, and supporters, united with them in a movement to end hunger. Visit <u>FeedingAmerica.org</u>.