



30 Ways in 30 Days To Fight Hunger

Give a little of yourself, donate food, time, money and your voice to feed the hungry in our community.



SA Goes Orange Quick Facts

Q What is Hunger Action Month?

September is Hunger Action Month, when we ask everyone in America to take action to fight hunger in their community, all month long. Hunger Action Month is your opportunity to join a movement that has a real and lasting impact on our effort to feed more Americans than ever before. Whether it's by advocating and raising awareness, making donations, or volunteering, individuals can find the way that's right for them to make a difference during Hunger Action Month.

Q How does hunger affect Americans?

For 1 in 6 Americans, hunger is a reality. The economic downturn and rising unemployment of the past few years has exacerbated an already serious issue. We all know and come into contact with people affected by hunger, even though we might not be aware of it. More than 50 million Americans live in food insecure households (33 million adults and 17.2 million children).

But hunger's impact is felt by many more than the millions living with food insecurity: hunger impacts child development, health and wellness, education, workforce development – our general welfare as a community.

Locally, more than 230,000 people in Southwest Texas rely on the San Antonio Food Bank's network of programs and services— and over ½ million Southwest Texans are at risk of going hungry.

Q What is "SA Goes Orange"?

"SA Goes Orange" is the San Antonio Food Bank's local campaign to raise awareness and engage local businesses, government and the community to raise awareness and take action to fight hunger. The month-long campaign presented by Whataburger encourages folks to "Go Orange" and get involved through the "30 Ways in 30 Days" calendar posted on the website www.sagoesorange.org.

Q What is Feeding America?

Feeding America is the nation's leading domestic hunger-relief charity. Each year, the Feeding America network provides food to more than 37 million low-income people facing hunger in the United States, including more than 14 million children and nearly 3 million seniors. Our network of more than 200 food banks serves all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, securing and distributing more than 2.5 billion pounds of food and grocery products annually.

Q What is role of the San Antonio Food Bank?

Founded in 1980, the San Antonio Food Bank (SAFB) has grown from distributing 100,000 pounds of food to just a handful of community-based organizations to distributing over 44 million pounds of food throughout our 16 county service area to 500 partner agencies.

Our mission is to fight hunger in Southwest Texas through food distribution, programs, education, and advocacy. Partner agencies include emergency shelters, community centers, senior centers, after-school programs, soup kitchens, food pantries, and religious institutions serving those in need.

Developing solutions to hunger in our community is the on-going goal of the SAFB. In addition to the millions of pounds of food we acquire and distribute annually, we continue to work diligently to provide programs that not only solve the immediate problem of hunger, but to help individuals and families gain long-term food security, such as Nutrition Education, Social Services Outreach, and Community Kitchen Culinary Skills Training.

Q So how can I get involved?

There are many ways to get involved, and the easiest way to start your journey is by visiting www.sagoesorange.org. There, you can peruse local advocacy, donation, event and volunteer opportunities through the 30 Ways in 30 Days calendar; you can take the "My Way" pledge, and much more. Thank you for doing your part to fight hunger and feed hope.