

## PROFILE

BO SODERBERGH  
Executive Director  
Tarrant Area Food Bank

A native of Sweden, Bo Soderbergh was educated in Italy, Japan and England before coming to the United States to earn his bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas Christian University (TCU). Returning to Sweden, he became vice-president and manager of a major auction house in Stockholm and served as chairman of a nonprofit school of the arts serving 7,000 students. He came back to the United States and in 1997 was hired as executive director of Tarrant Area Food Bank. He is a member and past president of the Texas Food Bank Network, a director of the Rotary Club of Fort Worth and a member of the TCU National Alumni Board.

Under Mr. Soderbergh's leadership, Tarrant Area Food Bank has implemented a state-of-the-art inventory system and upgraded its 69,000 square-foot warehouse to handle increased amounts of fresh produce, dairy products and frozen foods. An addition to refrigerated space and the construction of a second freezer doubled the Food Bank's capacity to distribute fresh and frozen foods, which are now the majority of the foods manufactured and thus donated.

In addition, special programs have been developed to help families become self-sufficient and to feed impoverished families' school-aged children so they can focus on learning. Nutrition education courses teach low-income families how to obtain maximum nutrition on a limited budget. Kids Cafes provide meals to impoverished children participating in tutoring, mentoring and recreational after-school programs. BackPacks for Kids supplies food in backpacks to school children and their siblings who face empty cupboards at home over the weekend. The Community Kitchen provides training in basic culinary skills to low-income adults seeking a career path earning more than minimum wage.