



KIDS CAFE

KIDS CAFE serves children at risk of hunger by providing prepared meals in environments that are safe, accessible and convenient.

PURPOSE Kids Cafe is designed to curb the effects of undernourishment or malnutrition experienced by children living in poverty.

HISTORY & SPONSORS The national program was launched in 1993 by America’s Second Harvest, now known as Feeding America. As a member of this network, Tarrant Area Food Bank set up its first Kids Cafe in May 1998. Each Feeding America food bank funds and administers its own Kids Cafe program. Sponsors of Tarrant Area Food Bank Kids Cafes include Capital One, ConAgra Foods and Ronald McDonald Charities. Additional sponsors are needed to fund current and new cafes. For details, please call our Development Office at 817-332-9177.

CRITERIA FOR SITES Tarrant Area Food Bank places Kids Cafes with established agencies providing children with tutoring, mentoring, life-skills training and recreational programs after or before school or on the weekends. Kids Cafe sites are located in neighborhoods where a high percentage of children qualify, according to Federal Poverty Guidelines, for the National School Breakfast and Lunch program of free and reduced-cost meals.

RECIPIENTS Children up to age 18 who are at risk of hunger or malnutrition. More than one-third of the individuals served by Tarrant Area Food Bank’s partner agencies are children.

CURRENT SITES Tarrant Area Food Bank provides food for 17 Kids Cafes serving hot meals to an average of 1500 children.

Fort Worth

- Amaka Child Care Center/Butler Housing Community
- City of Fort Worth:
 - Como Community Center
 - Martin Luther King Community Center
- Fort Worth PTA with Fort Worth ISD:
 - Christene Moss Elementary
 - Rufino Mendoza Elementary
 - Western Hills Elementary
 - Western Hills Primary
 - Worth Heights Elementary
 - East Fort Worth Montessori Academy

Fort Worth (continued)

- H.O.P.E. Farm
- Martin Boys & Girls Club
- North Fort Worth Boys & Girls Club
- Bethlehem United Community Center
- Poly United Community Center
- Wesley United Community Center

Haltom City

- Christian Center of Fort Worth with Birdville Independent School District

Gainesville (Cooke County)

- Boys & Girls Clubs of Cooke County

KIDS CAFE INFORMATION

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