

## **Wells Fargo awards grants to Tarrant Area Food Bank and other local nonprofits**

### ***Wells Fargo Stagecoach delivered \$90,000 in awards***

**FORT WORTH (August 12, 2010)** – A Wells Fargo Stagecoach pulled by a local team of four quarter horses roared into the DFW metropolex today carrying a strongbox with \$90,000 in checks for Fort Worth-Dallas area nonprofits. The grants were presented to Tarrant Area Food Bank, the Fort Worth and Dallas Ronald McDonald Houses, the Chisholm Trail and Dallas Area chapters of the American Red Cross, the Fort Worth, Dallas and North Texas affiliates of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, North Texas Food Bank in Dallas and Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Texas.

Tarrant Area Food Bank and North Texas Food Bank each received \$15,000. Each of the American Red Cross affiliates received \$10,000, each Susan G. Komen for the Cure affiliate, \$8,333, each Ronald McDonald House, \$5,000 and Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Texas, \$5,000.

As part of the integration of Wells Fargo and Wachovia, the biggest banking merger in history, the grants were awarded based on voting by Wachovia customers and team members in the Fort Worth-Dallas area. These gifts are part of a broader charitable effort by Wells Fargo to provide more than \$1,000,000 to organizations serving people in need.

The stagecoach horses were from the Cartwright Ranch in Benbrook, whose owner, Alan Cartwright drove the stagecoach. He handles public appearances of two Wells Fargo coaches for the bank.

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### **About Tarrant Area Food Bank**

Tarrant Area Food Bank, a regional nonprofit, collects and distributes donated, purchased and prepared foods through a network of hunger-relief charities in 13 North Texas counties. Each month, this network of pantries and meals and snack programs distributes emergency groceries to 43,000 families and serves more than 565,000 meals and snacks on charities' sites. This past fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, Tarrant Area Food Bank distributed 23 million pounds of perishable and nonperishable food; an amount of food equivalent to nearly 18 million meals.