



# Pathways to Partnership

Since 2018, the **Mary E. Bivins Foundation** has prioritized the growing issue of senior hunger in the Texas Panhandle and created the **Senior Hunger Solutions** initiative as a way to partner with local organizations in an effort to reduce hunger and food insecurity among older adults.

**Below are eight potential pathways to partnership** including various ways we can support, empower, and walk alongside your organization in the valuable work you do providing services to seniors in your community.

## Food Resource Directory

Our website, **SeniorHungerSolutions.org**, offers a listing of food pantries, congregate meal sites, and home delivered meal providers by county to inform older adults where they can go to receive assistance.

- Does your organization have a listing?
- Is the information for your organization and county accurate and up-to-date?

**Partner with us on** keeping the online directory an accurate and useful tool in connecting older adults to needed food resources.

## Aging in Place Resources

Alleviating food insecurity in older adults is about more than just food access. Our website, **SeniorHungerSolutions.org/aging**, features 19 categories with resources ranging from transportation and caregiver support to assistance with medical costs, prescription medications, assistive devices, and more.

- Do you know of helpful resources for older adults in your community?
- What unmet needs do you see in the older adults you serve?

**Partner with us on** contributing community resources that help seniors maintain their independence with the necessary supports.

## How To... Webinar Series

Designed to inform, educate, and empower program providers and community members with topics related to hunger relief for older adults. Find past recordings at **SeniorHungerSolutions.org/webinars**.

- What topics would be beneficial to you?
- Do you have best practices to share with our network?

**Partner with us on** bringing the information you need to enhance your organization's ability to meet the needs of older adults.

## Seeds of Hope

Of the 100+ food access resources listed on SeniorHungerSolutions.org, more than half are affiliated with a local church. The **Seeds of Hope Congregation Designation Program** allows the Foundation to walk alongside faith communities dedicated to alleviating food insecurity among older adults.

- Is your organization affiliated with a church through giving or a direct ministry?
- Is your congregation interested in being a part of a larger network of support?

**Partner with us on** enhancing local food ministries and amplifying giving to local food access organizations.

## Senior Hunger Awareness

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We recognize **Senior Hunger Awareness Month** every April and provide a social media toolkit, proclamation template, and other tools to talk about the number of older adults who are experiencing food insecurity in your county.

- How many seniors are food insecure in your county?
- What info would be helpful to you in talking about hunger in your community?

**Partner with us on** observing Senior Hunger Awareness Month, sharing data on the issue, and bringing attention to the problem and solutions.

## Senior Food Security Forum

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Our **Senior Food Security Forum** convenes partners from across the Panhandle to share best practices and innovative solutions for tackling food insecurity among older adults in their communities.

- What would you find beneficial to hear or share at the Forum in 2027?

**Partner with us on** bringing together organizations from across the Panhandle to learn from, and learn with, each other.

## Targeted Grantmaking

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Our **Rapid Response** and **Healthy Senior Grant Programs** are designed to support organizations alleviating hunger and food insecurity among older adults with innovative and sustainable solutions.

- Do you have an urgent need that is preventing you from serving older adults?
- Have you applied for a Healthy Senior Grant for a food-related project?

**Partner with us on** expanding, improving, and strengthening services that alleviate food insecurity among seniors.

## Systemic Solutions

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Food insecurity is a complex problem. More than meeting the immediate needs of older adults, we are interested in exploring systemic solutions that seek to have a greater impact on food access overall.

- Do you have an innovative idea for improving food access?

**Partner with us on** leveraging our collective resources in a collaborative approach to create a new solution for food access in the Panhandle.

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## Upcoming Opportunities:

- Healthy Senior Grant Applications Due **September 23, 2026 at 12:00 PM (noon)**
- Community Grant Application Cycle Opens **September 28, 2026**
- How To... Create a Client Choice Food Pantry with Dignity and Respect Webinar Goes Live **October 13, 2026 at 10:00 AM**