

## Food Pantry Timeline

- 1998 - Food Pantry of Jeff Davis County (FP or FPJDC) founded by Brenda Bell
- 2000 - FPJDCL became a 501(c)(3)
- 2003 - Purchased land & built current a main office and warehouse in Fort Davis (FD)
- 2008 - Hired first paid employee, a part-time Executive Director (ED)
- 2012 - New FP tagline: *Neighbors feeding neighbors*
- 2013 - Building named "Brenda and John Bell Distribution Center"
- 2014 - Pack-a-Lunch program instituted to provide brown bag lunch ingredients to FP client's children
- 2015 - Added Valentine distribution location
- 2015 - UMC Pasadena, TX mission trip planted herb garden and painted interior of FP
- 2015 - Instituted choice for all FP distributions in FD & Valentine
- 2016 - The Nature Conservancy regularly began donating firewood to FP clients
- 2017 - Tex Harrison, FP ED, won West Texas Food Bank's Top Food Pantry Director
- 2018 - USDA Senior Box Program implemented
- 2019 - Tex Harrison stepped down as FP ED January 1, 2019. Susan Penney and Judy Reichelderfer served consecutively as Interim EDs. Vicki Gibson hired as new ED on September 3, 2019.
- 2019 - Replaced outdoor lighting fixtures courtesy of McDonald Observatory in order to make the FP dark-sky friendly
- 2020 - COVID-19 pandemic dramatically altered FP operations. Client-choice distributions were replaced with drive-thru distributions in Fort Davis and Valentine. All in-person fundraisers were canceled.
- 2020 - Kids Pantry established at the JDC Library
- 2020 - Doubled FP storage space in Valentine and added two additional freezers
- 2020 - Began supplementing fresh produce by purchasing from food wholesaler with each household receiving approximately 10 lbs of fresh produce at each distribution
- 2020 - Partnered with JDC Library to participate in the WTFB summer snack program to distribute 1585 grab-and-go bags of daily snacks for all children
- 2020 - Hired a summer intern through Texas Workforce Commission
- 2020 - Purchased two commercial two-door refrigerators
- 2020 - Weekly Fresh Produce For Seniors program funded for three months by the RGCOG Agency on Aging
- 2020 - Any fresh produce leftover from bimonthly distributions now delivered to Meals On Wheels clients and the rest dropped off at the JDC Library for anyone to take
- 2020 - Interior and exterior security cameras installed with remote access and digital recording capability
- 2020 - Formalized and expanded home deliveries to clients who are temporarily or permanently homebound
- 2021 - Hired an additional part-time employee to act as administrative assistant to the ED
- 2021 - Additional 6280 sq ft of concrete and asphalt added to existing driveway at the FD FP location to accommodate drive-thru distributions. Funded by FMH Foundation

2021 - Remote temperature sensors added to all freezers and refrigerators funded by FMH Foundation

2021 - Whole building surge protection installed

2021 - Partnered with Mobile Comunidad to handle all offset food distributions and deliveries

2021 - DMR distribution location added

2021 - Acquired 2 pallets of MREs for emergency use (1152 meals) from WTFB

2021 - Pack-A-Lunch (PAL) Program doubled the amount of fresh produce, increased quantity and quality of all items. PAL program now distributes enough food for one lunch and one snack 365 days per year for all children who participate.

2021- All in-person fundraisers canceled for the second year in a row due to COVID-19

2021 - Established the Tri-County Food Pantry Coalition which meets monthly to exchange ideas and info

2021 - Brittney Little hired to replace outgoing administrative assistant

2021 - Partnered with Big Bend Conservation Alliance to plant free trees in FP client yards

2021 - Added an additional distribution in Fort Davis to include a drive-thru option on Fridays and a 'shop-the-shelves' (client choice) option on Saturdays giving FP a total of four bimonthly distributions

2021 - Implemented a School Snacks Program which provides snacks for all children at Dirks-Anderson Elementary School (FDISD) 3-5 times per week throughout the school year

2021 - Purchased five shopping carts to use at shop-the-shelves distributions in Ft Davis

2021 - Little Free Library purchased by Mobile Comunidad and installed in front of the FP

2022 - DMR switched to client-choice model

2022 - Carport for Mobile Comunidad van installed on FP property

2022 - Generator purchased and installed. Funded by FMH Foundation

2022 - Mop sink installed in bathroom

2022 - Tankless water heater installed in kitchen

2022 - Board of Directors developed a 3-year Strategic Plan

2022 - Gave FD drive-thru clients the option of ordering online in advance