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THURSDAY, MARCH 1 | 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.



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Welcome

Friends and Colleagues,

On behalf of the staff of the San Angelo Regional Office of the Texas Hunger Initiative and our sponsors, I would like to welcome you to the fifth annual Together at the Table - West Texas Hunger Summit. We believe that this will be an invaluable time of learning, sharing ideas, and strengthening partnerships in our goal of ending hunger in our communities, our state, and our nation.

During this day of coming together at the table, our keynote speakers will teach us how to see our communities in a new light, learning how to assess their strengths and then utilize those strengths to either bring about change or reinforce the great programs that are already happening. The sessions will afford us the opportunity to learn best practices, explore new ideas, and network with each other, eliminating the need to “re-invent the wheel” in order to help our communities become better places to live.

We want to thank our sponsors for their generosity without which this event would not be possible. Our gratitude also goes to all of our wonderful speakers who have given of their time and talents to be here today.

Finally, we want to thank each of you who have given of your time to meet us at the table. Your commitment to making our West Texas region the best that it can be is evident in your on-going quest to find ways to eliminate poverty and hunger in the communities around you. It is our hope that you will leave inspired to continue your journey not only with renewed vigor but also with the tools necessary to meet the task before us.

Sincerely,



Mary Herbert
San Angelo Regional Director
Baylor University's Texas Hunger Initiative

Jimmy Dorrell is co-founder and president of Mission Waco. He grew up in Conroe, Texas and came to Waco in 1968 to attend Baylor University, where he received a BA in Religion in 1972. He received an MDiv degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1978 and a MA in Environmental Studies from Baylor in 1993. In 2001 he received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

Dorrell is pastor of Church Under the Bridge and also teaches classes at Baylor University and Truett Seminary in Waco. He has served on many boards and received many humanitarian awards.

After receiving his degree from seminary in 1978, he and his wife Janet moved into the North Waco neighborhood where they began their call to incarnational ministry, to live among the poor and help bring “good news” through relationships and empowerment opportunities. His passion for the poor and mobilizing the middle-class to become involved in the lives of the poor became the strategy for Mission Waco that continues today. Jimmy has also written several books: *Trolls and Truth*, *Plunge2Poverty*, and *Dead Church Walking*.

Rebecca Padilla is the accountant for the Meals for the Elderly program, a nationally recognized, certified Meals on Wheels program that serves the San Angelo area. She has a bachelor's degree in accounting from Liberty University. Rebecca is passionate about her job, knowing that she is making a difference in someone's life each day. Rebecca loves giving back to the community through ministry with youth and children through her church. Through Meals for the Elderly, she was able to blend her passion for service with her knack for numbers. She has attended many workshops as well as attended the National Meals on Wheels conference. She currently serves as the chairperson for the Senior Hunger Task Force for the Tom Green County Hunger Coalition.

Bob Salas is the Director of the Neighborhood & Family Services Department for the City of San Angelo, Texas. With over 20 years in leadership positions in private and governmental organizations, he brings experience and expertise to local government housing programs. Bob directs and manages the city's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME), Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), Recovery Act stimulus funds, and local economic development sales tax funds. He also oversees the city's Code Compliance Division, Animal Services, and Women Infants and Children (WIC) division.

Agenda

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| 9:00 - 9:20 | Registration |
| 9:20 - 9:30 | Welcome <i>Mary Herbert, Regional Director, Texas Hunger Initiative - San Angelo Baylor University</i> <i>Brenda Gunter, Mayor City of San Angelo</i> <i>Dr. Linda Ross, Regional Director, Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health Executive Director, WED Center Angelo State University</i> |
| 9:30 - 10:30 | Keynote Speaker: Food for Today, Food for Tomorrow, Food for a Lifetime <i>Eric Cooper, President and CEO San Antonio Food Bank</i> |
| 10:30 - 10:45 | Break (network) |
| 10:45 - 11:45 | Food for Today, Food for Tomorrow, Food For a Lifetime <i>Community networking: Led by Eric Cooper Brainstorming by communities about what the strengths and barriers are in their communities concerning Food for today, Food for tomorrow and Food for a lifetime.</i> Project: Make Soup in a Cup Kits for distribution at food pantries—Angelo State University Ram Pantry or other pantries at which the attendees of the Summit work. |

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| 11:45 - 12:55 | Tom Green County Hunger Coalition Update from Task force Groups—Faith Based, Community Gardens, Resource/Education, and Senior, including a cooking demonstration by Brenda Zeiters, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension |
| 12:55 - 1:05 | Break (Network) |
| 1:05 - 1:15 | Faces of Homelessness, “Sin Hogar” <i>James Hall, Photographer</i> |
| 1:15 - 2:30 | Panel: Hidden Hunger College Students – “The Store” <i>Cara Cliburn Allen, Doctoral Candidate and Graduate Research Fellow for the Texas Hunger Initiative Baylor University</i> Senior Adult Struggles with Hunger <i>Rebecca Padilla, Accountant Meals for the Elderly, San Angelo, Texas</i> Military Food Insecurity <i>Lisette Alverio, AFC, CPFC, Financial Coach, CFPB Financial Coaching Program, Contractor, Armed Forces Services Corporation, Workforce Solutions of the Concho Valley</i> Hunger for the Homeless <i>Bob Salas, Director Neighborhood & Family Services Department City of San Angelo, Texas</i> |
| 2:30 - 2:45 | Break (network) |
| 2:45 - 4:00 | Keynote Speaker: Entering the Struggle When I Prefer My Privacy and Opinions <i>Jimmy Dorrell, Founder and President Mission Waco</i> |

Continuing Education credits will be available for LCSW, LPC, and LMFT.



Speakers

Cara Cliburn Allen is a doctoral candidate in the Higher Education Studies and Leadership program at Baylor University. Cliburn Allen studies the success factors of various sub-populations in higher education, including faculty (non-tenure track faculty and faculty denied tenure), underrepresented students (food insecure, community college), and student affairs administrators. She has co-led institutional data gathering and responses to food insecurity at Baylor where she serves as the chair of the Food Insecurity Working Group and is a Graduate Research fellow for the Texas Hunger Initiative. She received a Master of Science from Baylor University and a Bachelor of Arts from Oklahoma Baptist University.

Lisette Alverio is a Certified Financial Counselor who works as a contractor with the Armed Forces Services Corporation. She is 1 of 60 financial coaches throughout the United States providing one-on-one financial coaching sessions free of charge to veterans and the community as a whole. As a financial coach she works with clients to plan and take steps to achieve their financial goals, as well as take control of their financial lives in areas such as reducing or eliminating debt, building or repairing credit, paying bills on time, and saving money for life events, just to name a few.

Eric Cooper, known as that “Food Bank Guy,” is President and CEO of the San Antonio Food Bank. Through his dual strategies of feeding the line of the hungry and shortening that line, Eric has received national recognition. It is this holistic approach to serving the entire community that has garnered community support while delivering measurable impact with exceptional efficiency. The San Antonio Food Bank is ranked in the top 2% in the nation for operational efficiencies by Charity Navigator. Eric has been featured in the Wall Street Journal and the Huffington Post. The National Geographic highlighted Eric’s commitment to building partnerships, sustainable agriculture, and the food economy. Eric works tirelessly at the Federal, State and Local level to reduce rates of Food Insecurity and Poverty while increasing access to healthy foods, believing that everyone should have access to good nutrition.

Texas Hunger Initiative



The Texas Hunger Initiative (THI) is a collaborative, capacity building project housed at Baylor University and focused on the goal of ensuring that every Texan has access to three nutritious meals a day, seven days a week. THI is dedicated to developing and implementing strategies to end hunger through research, policy, education, community organizing and community development. THI convenes federal, state, and local government stakeholders with nonprofits, faith communities and business leaders to create an efficient system of accountability that increases food security in Texas. THI has eight regional offices across the state in: Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Houston, Lubbock, McAllen, San Angelo, and Waco. To learn more, visit www.texashunger.org.

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Laura W. Bush Institute for Women’s Health

The Laura W. Bush Institute for Women’s Health (LWBIWH) is a pioneer in women’s health and gender medicine that strives to meet the needs of women and their families in the Concho Valley. The organization funds research in gender based medicine, empowers individuals in the community through fun yet educational events, and connects women in need with breast cancer services and assistance with treatment. 45 women have been diagnosed with breast cancer, with the help of the Laura W. Bush Institute for Women’s Health in the past 6 years.

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