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Together at the Table

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REGION XV

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

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 first *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, as we learn 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 many breakout 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 out to all 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, Texas Hunger Initiative
Baylor University School of Social Work

About THI

Developed within the Baylor University School of Social Work, the Texas Hunger Initiative (THI) is a collaborative, capacity-building project focused on ensuring that every Texan has access to three nutritious meals a day, seven days a week. THI develops and implements strategies to end hunger through research, policy, education, community organizing, and community development. Headquartered at the Baylor School of Social Work with 12 regional offices across the state, 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.

Staff at **THI - San Angelo Regional Office** include:

Mary Herbert, Regional Director
Betty Teston, Child Hunger Outreach Specialist
Tessa Rager, Community Partner Recruitment Coordinator and AmeriCorps VISTA
Cady Pena, Community Organizer and AmeriCorps VISTA

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Speakers

Dan Duncan has extensive professional management experience in the nonprofit and for-profit professional service sectors to help communities, nonprofits and governmental organizations enhance their community work through Asset Based Community Development. He is a faculty member of the Asset Based Community Development Institute at Northwestern University, and adjunct faculty member/lecturer at the University of Texas School of Social Work and The New College at St. Edward's University, both in Austin, Texas. He has previously served with the United Way in Tucson, Arizona, Indianapolis, Indiana and Mesa, Arizona. He was also the founder of the Food Bank in Tucson. He has a Master of Social Work from Arizona State University.

Jeremy Everett is the director of Baylor University's Texas Hunger Initiative, a capacity-building, collaborative project dedicated to developing and implementing strategies to end hunger and reduce poverty through policy, education, research and community organizing. Jeremy earned a Bachelor of Arts from Samford University, a Master of Divinity from Baylor University and is completing his PhD in Social Work from Baylor University. Jeremy is also a Fellow of the University of Texas LBJ School's Strauss Center for International Security and Law.

Libby Campbell is the executive director of the West Texas Food Bank in Odessa. She has extensive experience in community involvement through a variety of organizations including Food2Kids, Reagan Elementary, the Junior League and Harmony Home. She is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma.

Celia Cole, chief executive officer of the Texas Food Bank Network, is an expert in food and nutrition policy with experience at both the state and federal level. Celia was a senior policy analyst with the Center for Public Policy Priorities (CPPP) covering food and nutrition, welfare, and family economic security issues. Celia serves on the advisory committees of the Partnership for a Healthy Texas and the Texas Food Policy Roundtable and is actively involved as a board member of her local YMCA. Celia earned a Bachelor of Arts from Columbia University in 1991 and a Master of Arts from the University of Texas at Austin in 1996.

Melissa De La Cruz has been with the San Angelo Independent School District (SAISD) for 13 years. She is currently a social service worker for San Jacinto and Glenmore Elementary Schools. She has a Master of Psychology and LBSW.

Mark Hewitt is the founder and executive director of Love and Care Ministries in Abilene. His calling is to "the least of these," the homeless and poor in the Central Texas region. Mark has traveled the country sharing stories about his work with the homeless and the poor. Mark enjoys anything done in the great outdoors. He is married to Kerri and has two adult children, Magen Apple and Zack Hewitt, and two grandchildren, Branson and Trinity.

Marc Jacobson is the Dallas regional director of the Texas Hunger Initiative. He is a founding member of the Anti-Poverty Coalition of Greater Dallas, which has been at the forefront of the fight to protect low-income consumers from the predatory practices of many payday and auto title lenders. The Anti-Poverty Coalition prompted the Dallas City Council to pass the first local ordinance in Texas that regulates payday and auto title lending practices. Many other cities and towns across the state have since followed suit.

Sari Martin is a SAISD retired educator, having taught first grade for 27 years before serving as early childhood supervisor and director of staff development. She also worked in the literacy programs for Scholastic, Inc. She is a member of Southland Baptist Church in San Angelo and co-chairs the partnership between her church and San Jacinto Elementary School. Sari is married and has two children and two granddaughters.

Bobby Roger has been the pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in San Angelo for more than 13 years. He is currently also pursuing his Doctorate of Ministry through Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Brittany L. Schroeder is the Tom Green County Better Living for Texans (BLT) extension assistant with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. The BLT program is a cooperative endeavor between the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Texas Health and Human Services Commission, and the Food and Nutrition Services of the USDA.

Jenifer Primo-Smith is the former director of the Farm, Orchard, and GRUB Division of the South Plains Food Bank in Lubbock, Texas, where she worked with teens on the food bank's five-acre farm for 10 years. Currently enjoying retirement in San Angelo, Jenifer maintains an interest in community food security and hunger issues.

Sarah Smith is the food and nutrition director at Brady ISD. She graduated from ASU in Kinesiology and Business Management. She taught physical education and coached softball, track and cross country. Sarah is married and has two children.

Susan Stanfield, toward the end of a 40-year career as a graphic artist, became a Master Gardener. She organized The People/Plant Connection, a nonprofit organization established to bring the joy of gardening to people of all ages and abilities. Work has begun on their education garden at the Southside Recreation Center in Padron Park. They also offer gardening classes to children, adults and senior adults.

Breakouts

Choose one session for 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. and one session for 2:45 - 3:45 p.m. from these four categories: Healthy Food Choices, Community Organizing, Hunger Outreach and Overcoming Hunger Barriers.

| TIME | HEALTHY FOOD CHOICES | COMMUNITY ORGANIZING |
|-------------|--|---|
| 1:30 - 2:30 | <p>"Garden Concepts"</p> <p>Susan Stanfield, People Plant Connection Sarah Smith, Brady ISD</p> | <p>Panel: Church/School Partnerships</p> <p>Bobby Roger, Sari Martin, Melissa De La Cruz</p> |
| 2:45 - 3:45 | <p>"Better Living for Texans"</p> <p>Brittany Schroeder, Texas AgriLife</p> | <p>"GRUB" Project</p> <p>Jenifer Primo-Smith</p> |

| TIME | HUNGER OUTREACH | OVERCOMING HUNGER BARRIERS |
|-------------|--|---|
| 1:30 - 2:30 | <p>"Hunger Programs—From Kids to Seniors"</p> <p>Libby Campbell, West Texas Food Bank</p> | <p>"Payday Loans"</p> <p>Marc Jacobson, Texas Hunger Initiative - Dallas</p> |
| 2:45 - 3:45 | <p>"Loving the Homeless and More"</p> <p>Mark Hewitt, Love and Care Ministries</p> | <p>"Food Deserts"</p> <p>Celia Cole, Texas Food Bank Network</p> |

Agenda

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| 9:00 - 9:30 | Registration and Booths |
| 9:30 - 9:45 | <p>Welcome Mary Herbert, <i>Regional Director,</i> Texas Hunger Initiative - San Angelo Baylor University School of Social Work</p> |
| 9:45 - 10:45 | <p>Keynote Speaker Dan Duncan, <i>Faculty Member, Asset Based Community Development Institute</i> Northwestern University <i>Adjunct Faculty Member/Lecturer</i> University of Texas and St. Edward's University</p> |
| 10:45 - 11:00 | Break (Booths continued) |
| 11:00 - 12:00 | <p>Keynote Speaker, Continued Dan Duncan, <i>Faculty Member, Asset Based Community Development Institute</i> Northwestern University <i>Adjunct Faculty Member/Lecturer</i> University of Texas and St. Edward's University</p> |
| 12:00 - 1:15 | <p>Lunch and Speaker Jeremy Everett, <i>Director, Texas Hunger Initiative</i> Baylor University School of Social Work</p> |
| 1:15 - 1:30 | Break |
| 1:30 - 2:30 | Breakout Session I - See Breakout Matrix, pg. 6 |
| 2:30 - 2:45 | Break |
| 2:45 - 3:45 | Breakout Session II - See Breakout Matrix, pg. 6 |
| 3:45 - 4:00 | <p>Closing Mary Herbert, <i>Regional Director,</i> Texas Hunger Initiative - San Angelo Baylor University School of Social Work</p> |