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Describe the service activities you are doing? On March 26, 2024, I completed volunteer hours at the South Plains Food bank. During this volunteer session, we packed food boxes for senior citizens in Lubbock County, as well as the surrounding 19 counties that SPFB services. Their need at that time was to pack and distribute 3504 boxes. During the time that I was there we were able to package 2700 boxes for them. Boxes include boxes and cans of shelf stable food items such as canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned meats, bottle juices, and boxes of cereal.

How long has this service been in the community? South Plains Food Bank has been serving Lubbock County since 1983

How does the service contribute to the community? South Plains Food Bank provides food boxes to individuals in Lubbock County as well as surrounding counties in West Texas that have a need based on financial or nutritional need.

How does the service activity get its funding? South Plains Food Bank gets its funding from several donors throughout Lubbock and surrounding areas. These are donors like United Supermarkets, and HEB that donate food items, and corporate sponsors that donate money to assist in buying foods to put in boxes.

What have you learned about yourself during this service experience? I learned that this is a very worthwhile organization, and that they truly have a heart for people in our community in helping to combat hunger. It was also awesome to see their facility and how it runs like a well-oiled machine. It was truly a touching experience to be a part of, it was very humbling to know that I personally, had a hand in helping their mission. I really enjoyed this and could see myself volunteering more in the future there.