



Counties Served:

Brazos December 2, 2011

Burleson

Grimes

Madison

Robertson

Washington

Hank Roraback and Board of Directors
United Way of the Brazos Valley
909 Southwest Parkway East
College Station, Texas 77840

Re: 2011-2013 United Way of the Brazos Valley Partner Agreement

Programs Delivered:

Children's BackPacks

Family Boxes

Food for Pantries

Mobile Pantries

Senior Bags

Social Services Outreach

Dear Hank and Board Members –

As you know, the Brazos Valley Food Bank (BVFB) has been a partner agency of the United Way of the Brazos Valley since 1987. We value our relationship with the United Way. In the early years of our existence, the support of the United Way was critical to our mission and our operations and helped the BVFB to grow into a more self-sustaining agency. With that accomplishment comes the sincere realization and appreciation of the support the United Way has provided to us along the way.

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On November 28, 2011, the Board of the BVFB met and discussed the new fundraising restrictions contained in the 2011-2013 United Way Partner Agreement and the further information provided by your Executive Committee after our joint meeting on November 18th. Our Board has determined that the BVFB will no longer be a formal partner agency of the United Way of the Brazos Valley. This was a decision that was not arrived at lightly and was made after much consideration and discussion.

Throughout this year, it had been reported to us that there would no longer be a "blackout" period in the partner agreement. This was very important to the BVFB because we had begun to recognize the need to cultivate more and additional types of private donations, especially at a time when demand for food to alleviate hunger is at an all time high. In the past five years, food distributed from the BVFB has increased 117%, expenses have grown more than 228% and the amount of food that the BVFB must purchase to meet its hunger relief efforts has grown by 4000%. Of the BVFB revenues in 2010, 6% came from the United Way/SECC and 13% came from governmental grants/funds, leaving more than 80% to be raised from private donors. The majority of funds raised by the BVFB are raised in the last four months

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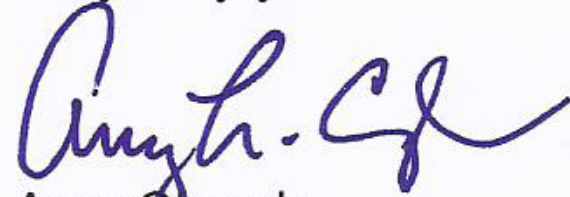
The Brazos Valley Food Bank does not provide any goods for services in consideration, in whole or in part, for donations. Donations are tax deductible.



of the year. In light of all of this, our Board did not feel it would be responsible for us to limit in any way the BVFB's ability to accomplish its growing hunger relief efforts by agreeing to a fundraising restriction in the last four months of the year.

We sincerely appreciate the open communication we have had with you on this issue and your careful consideration of our request relating to the new fundraising restriction. We hope that you will understand our rationale for not being able to agree to it. Please know that our Board is committed to transitioning out of formal partnership with the United Way in a manner that is constructive and positive for all involved. And, our Board is hopeful that the BVFB will still be able to work with the United Way in informal ways in the future to help our neighbors in need since that is the core mission of both of our organizations.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amy Clough". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Amy Clough
Board President