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**The GVTC Foundation partners with New Braunfels Foodbank to fight hunger**

SMITHSON VALLEY, June 14, 2017 — The GVTC Foundation is contributing a total of \$100,000 to help the New Braunfels Food Bank get off to a strong start. The Food Bank is targeting summer of 2017 to open its new branch location located at 1625 S. Sequin in New Braunfels. The approximately 30,000 square foot facility will serve as a hub to receive and distribute food to local food banks, provide food to walk-in customers through a client-choice pantry, provide nutritional education and cooking instruction to families in need, and support hundreds of volunteers a week in service to the community.

The GVTC Foundation contributed \$50,000 to sponsor the New Braunfels Food Bank's fresh and perishables vehicle, which will be branded with the Foundation's logo. This delivery truck will be directly responsible for providing, on a weekly basis, more than 405,000 pounds of much needed fruits, vegetables, meat, dairy and baked goods, to food pantries located in GVTC's service area.

"We're very excited to be among the first philanthropic organizations to support the New Braunfels Food Bank facility." Paula White, The GVTC Foundation, president said. "The GVTC Foundation has a long track record of helping Hill Country area food pantries. Through our investment in the New Braunfels Food Bank, we'll be able to maximize the quantity and quality of food, to people who truly need it."

The Foundation will also donate \$50,000 to sponsor a section of the client services area located near the lobby of the new facility. These funds go toward underwriting operational costs of the Food Bank. The GVTC Foundation logo will also be prominently displayed to thousands of visitors to the New Braunfels Food Bank every year.

"We greatly appreciate The GVTC Foundation's generous contribution and it's very humbling for us be partnering with them," Eric Cooper, president and CEO, San Antonio Food Bank, said. "We'll be able to nourish kids, seniors, families, and with help from The GVTC Foundation, no one will go hungry in our community."

**Cutline:** Members of The GVTC Foundation board of directors commemorate its contribution with Eric Cooper, San Antonio Food Bank president & CEO (right), and Monica Borrego, associate director of community investments (center).

**About GVTC:**

GVTC is an award-winning fiber optics communications provider delivering high-speed internet, digital cable TV, phone and interactive home security monitoring to residential and business customers in far north San Antonio, the Texas Hill Country and South Central Texas. GVTC offers Internet connection speeds up to 1 Gbps and symmetrical broadband connections, up to 100 Mbps.

GVTC's wholesale carrier transport network delivers Ethernet data delivery between San Antonio, Austin, Dallas and Houston, with access to remote Texas markets. The company organized the GVTC GigaRegion®, a unique private-public partnership, with the cities of Boerne, Bulverde and Gonzales. The GVTC GigaRegion® markets the benefits of a fiber network, along with economic incentives, to compete for jobs and improve quality of life.

The company's philanthropic arm, The GVTC Foundation, is celebrating more than a decade of charitable giving, with more than \$2.3 million in contributions throughout GVTC's service area.

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About San Antonio/New Braunfels Foodbank

The San Antonio Food Bank is a 501c3 non-profit organization providing millions of pounds of food to more than 500 charitable organizations in Southwest Texas serving those in need. In addition to food distribution, the San Antonio Food Bank provides numerous programs that not only solve the immediate problems of hunger, but help individuals and families gain long-term food security. For more information about the San Antonio Food Bank, visit our website at [www.safoodbank.org](http://www.safoodbank.org). Find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/safoodbank](http://www.facebook.com/safoodbank) or follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/safoodbank](http://www.twitter.com/safoodbank).

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