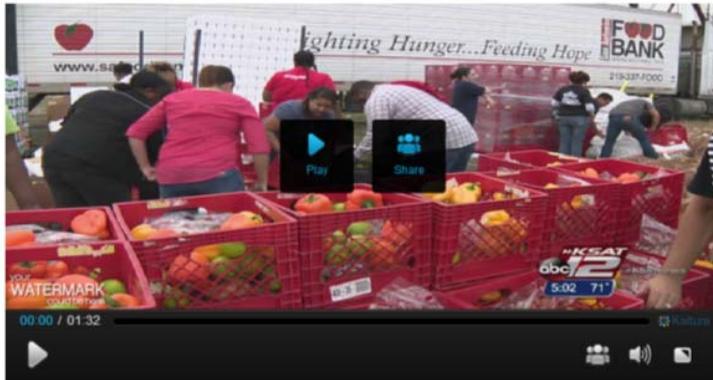


# SA Food Bank delivers Christmas cheer to East Side families

*400 families given 50+ pounds of food, hygiene products*

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**SAN ANTONIO** - The City of San Antonio and the San Antonio Food Bank delivered some Christmas cheer to families in need on the East Side on Friday.

The food bank received more than 2.5 million pounds of food through donations over the last few weeks and a portion of that started making its way to kitchen tables.

"I have a child who is disabled so (it's) great," said Veronica Campa. "It helps me a lot, so I really thank the community."

Some 50 volunteers from the neighborhood delivered bags and crates of food at the Hays Street Bridge, with about 400 families each receiving more than 50 pounds of fruits, vegetables, breads, water, and hygiene products.

"We want to make sure that as many people as possible have something to eat," said City Council District 2 representative Keith Toney.

Some of the volunteers from the George Gervin Youth Center were taking advantage of the opportunity to give back to their community by helping hand out food.

"A lot of people face hunger problems and that's a big part of people's suffering, so I wanted to come to this one," said Ronnie Dooley.