

## **Mission Statement**

The purpose of the Bandera County Food Council is to create an environment that supports food security in Bandera County by nurturing the growth of a sustainable community wide food system that is accessible to all in need through local and area collaboration, education and communication.

## **Goal and Objectives**

**Goal:** To Increase and promote collaboration between those who grow, supply, transport and provide food resources, those who assist individuals and families suffering from food insecurity and hunger and those who are in need of assistance by creating good community wide system for food distribution that uses multiple sources and resources.

## **Objectives:**

- (1) Enhancing food security and nutrition needs awareness through enhanced community education and communication.
- (2) Increasing the participation within local food systems and nutrition assistance programs by those most vulnerable to hunger and food insecurity.
- (3) Increasing the use of and participation within community gardening, home gardening, farmers markets, gleaning and promoting the health benefits of same.
- (4) Improving productivity and sustainability of agriculture in our rural community and surrounding areas.
- (5) Improving food production and storage education and water safety education