

A portrait of Tony Perez, a man with grey hair, glasses, and a beard, smiling. He is wearing a brown jacket over a blue and white striped shirt. The background is a solid blue color.

Tony's Impact

Driving along the weed covered lots, crack houses, and boarded up properties, you come upon a crowded parking lot full of local residents working to help one another lift themselves out of poverty. Hundreds of families have come to receive food and product from Friendship Center, established in 1998 by Tony Perez.

Tony runs the center with an all volunteer staff. He reaches out to the local community with home visits, Bible studies, concerts, children and youth outreach, and is transforming the community. He and his dedicated team along with Daily Bread distribute food every Thursday.

Richard, a volunteer, says, "There was an emptiness in our lives and we couldn't find the answer, and were it not for Pastor Tony reaching out to us faithfully, who knows where we might be?"

Surrounding Friendship Center there are over 2,103 families in the area live in extreme poverty, and count on the Daily Bread food assistance to meet their basic food needs.

"With the ongoing help of Daily Bread, we are making a significant impact on the families in our neighborhood by feeding their bodies, minds and souls." – Tony Perez

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SENIORS AND HUNGER

Esperanza Carrasco, Benita Ramirez, and Eloisa Torres participate in Friendship Center's food ministry outreach. Originally recipients of the food ministry, today they serve as volunteers.

Eloisa, a retiree, is grateful to God that she found the food ministry. Benita shares some of the food she receives with her neighbors. She also has begun to attend regular services at the church.

These women represent some of the 23,334 residents of San Antonio zip code 78214 where 30 percent of the population live in poverty and 16 percent in deep poverty.

Thirty percent of San Antonio households struggle to pay monthly utility bills and other basic expenses. Seniors, who are living longer with less of a financial safety net, are hit the hardest. 18.3 percent of San Antonio seniors live in poverty.

Most Senior's social security checks cover only utilities and medical costs, leaving little or nothing left over for food. Daily Bread Ministries is committed to assisting more seniors in 2014 by increasing food output, nutritional assistance, and care products to partners like Friendship Center of Southwest San Antonio.

Friendship Center

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“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.”

– Jesus

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