



**a better future
for those in need**

In the heart of Sarpy County lies a commitment to caring for one another, especially during times of need. NeighborGood: a Community Pantry (NeighborGood) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization which has been serving as a beacon of hope, providing essential support to families facing food insecurity for over 15 years.

MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS

Since its inception, NeighborGood has played a crucial role in addressing food insecurity, serving hundreds of families each month.

Poverty is considered the single largest determinant of health and wellbeing because it creates barriers to accessing resources, including health services, healthy foods, and other necessities that contribute to health. In 2020, about 5.6% of Sarpy County residents lived below the federal poverty level, and 10.9% were food insecure, a common metric to measure poverty status.

Soaring inflation, living expenses, and food prices have compounded the situation. Since 2021, NeighborGood has seen an average annual increase of 38% in guests needing our services. We anticipate this demand will only continue to grow.

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As the demand for our services increased, we found ourselves facing significant challenges to meet those needs. Our previous space was inadequate to address the increasing demand for services. The limited space restricted our ability to acquire, store and distribute food efficiently, resulting in delays and shortages for those in need. Additionally, the outdated infrastructure posed safety concerns for our volunteers and guests.

NeighborGood's previously leased space was not designed for food distribution and lacked the ability to expand. The location had many deficiencies including:

- Inability to become guest choice and give families the ability to "shop" in a guest-friendly, grocery style type of pantry to obtain products they will use and need
- Limited warehouse space to receive shipments and distribute goods
- Extremely limited dry goods storage and sorting space
- Inadequate refrigeration units to accommodate frozen foods, fresh produce, milk, eggs, cheese and other products



NeighborGood has purchased a building, to become our permanent home, enabling us to expand our capacity to serve to ensure that no family goes hungry.



our plan to serve

OUR MISSION

To eliminate hunger in our community by providing neighbors in need with nutritious food, increased self-sufficiency, and hope.

OUR VISION

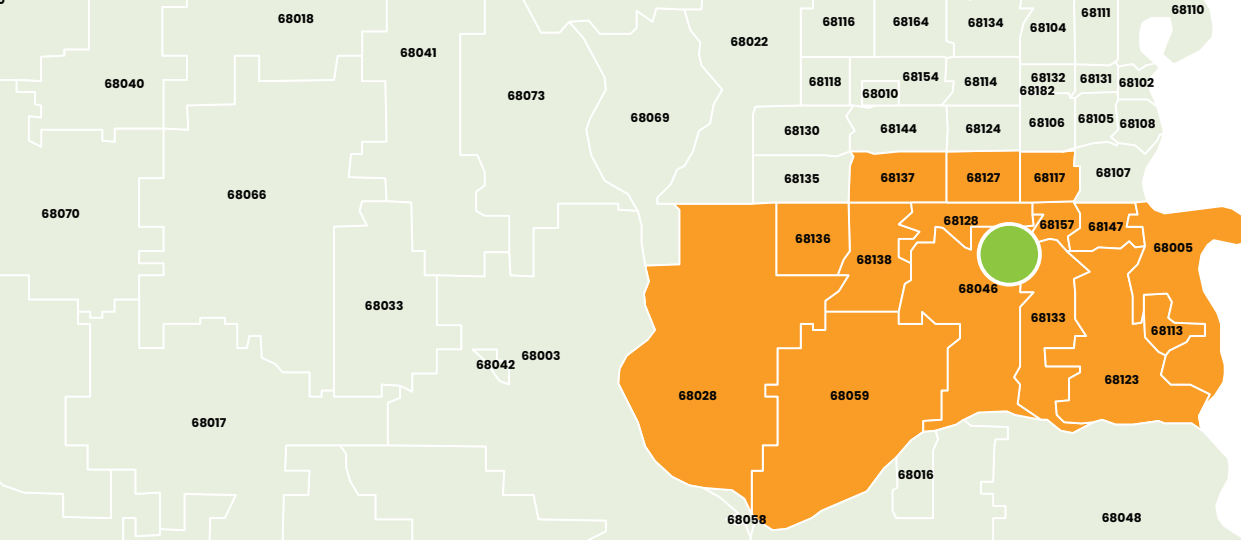
A community that is free of hunger and food insecurity.

In December 2024, NeighborGood purchased a 9,100-square-foot building at 1712 Charleston Drive, in Papillion, which will serve as the future home for our operations. This strategic acquisition positions NeighborGood to better serve residents across Sarpy County and Ralston. By transitioning to this facility, we will accelerate our progress toward creating a community free from hunger and food insecurity, enabling us to serve more guests and operate more efficiently.

“It has been my pleasure to serve NeighborGood for over 7 years. Now is the right time for a facility that makes the greater Sarpy County and Ralston area proud and reflects our core values of dignity and respect for all. This new facility will enhance our capacity to support our community and continue to reduce food insecurity.”

-Melissa Nelson
Executive Director, NeighborGood





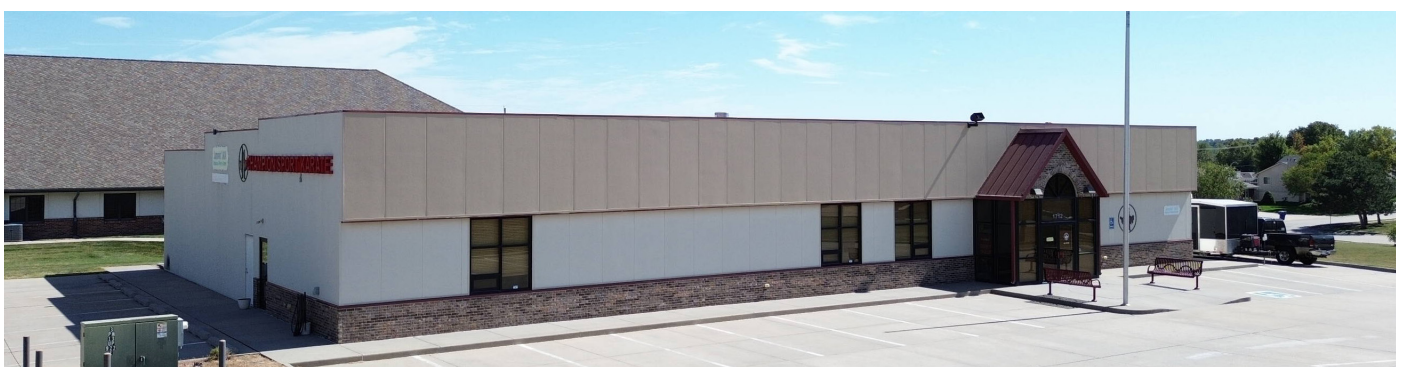
our guests live in the zip codes highlighted in orange.

our new location is plotted as a green circle.

NeighborGood, centrally located within the county, serves as a pantry and distribution point for essential items following natural disasters. Our new facility, specifically designed and equipped for these purposes, will enable us to reach and serve our guests more efficiently and effectively.

the new facility will include

- Retail-style space for guest selection of food, household and hygiene items
- Expanded on-site storage with additional room for receiving, sorting and distributing
- Energy efficient commercial cold storage to enable the organization to receive and distribute fresh produce, protein, and dairy
- Private consultation area for connecting guests to community resources
- Sarpy County Human Services Offices
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- “Soil to sustenance” initiatives: community garden, edible landscaping, farm surplus, and composting
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An updated facility for NeighborGood is imperative to address the following critical needs:

CAPACITY EXPANSION

The new facility will provide NeighborGood with the space needed to store a larger inventory of food items and accommodate more guests. This expansion is crucial to keep pace with the growing demand for services and ensure that no individual or family in our community goes hungry.

ENHANCED EFFICIENCY

With modern facilities and storage systems, operations will be streamlined, ensuring that food is efficiently sorted, stored, and distributed to those in need. This will enable us to serve more guests in less time, reduce wait times, and allow us to serve our guests with the dignity and respect they deserve.

SUSTAINABILITY

We envision our facility as a model of sustainability, incorporating energy-efficient technologies and environmentally friendly practices to minimize expenses and reduce long-term operating costs.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

The new facility, with modern safety features, will create a secure environment for our volunteers, staff, and guests, fostering a sense of trust and confidence in our services.

IMPROVED ACCESSIBILITY

The new facility will be fully accessible to individuals with disabilities, ensuring that everyone in our community can access the support they need. This commitment to inclusivity aligns with our values of equity and compassion.

COMMUNITY HUB

Beyond providing food assistance, the new building will serve as a community hub, offering educational programs, and other services to empower individuals and families on their journey toward self-sufficiency.



PROVEN LEADERSHIP

NeighborGood is managed by a seasoned executive director who is knowledgeable about operating needs and serving those less fortunate in the community.

The organization is governed by an active board of directors and numerous volunteers who passionately support the organization's mission to secure and distribute food, personal items and pet supplies to those in need.

The new facility will greatly enhance our volunteer workspace and enable volunteers to more easily sort, stock and distribute donated goods.

how you can help

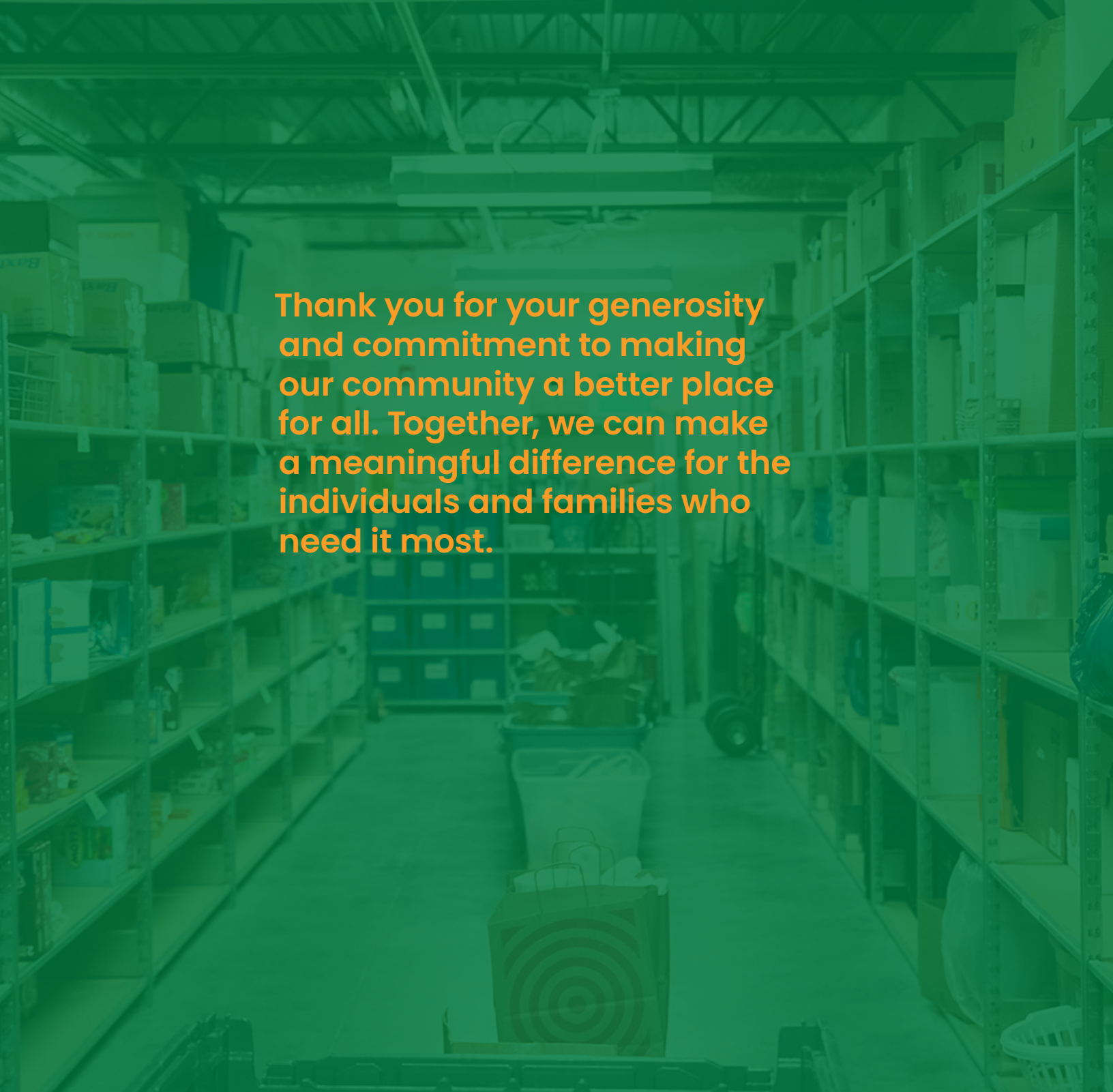
We cannot achieve our vision alone. We are reaching out to individuals, businesses, and organizations in our community to join us in this important endeavor. Your financial support, whether through monetary donations, sponsorships, or grants, will make a tangible difference in the lives of those struggling with food insecurity, ensuring that they have access to nutritious meals and vital support services.

Additionally, we welcome in-kind donations, volunteer assistance, and partnerships with local businesses to help offset renovation costs and ensure the success of our project.

Together, we can build a brighter future for our community.

Join us in supporting the renovation of the new NeighborGood building and make a lasting impact on the lives of our neighbors in need. Your generosity will not only provide food assistance but also offer hope, dignity, and a pathway to a better tomorrow for those facing adversity.





Thank you for your generosity and commitment to making our community a better place for all. Together, we can make a meaningful difference for the individuals and families who need it most.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

on how you can support our campaign or to make a donation, please contact:

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challenges and solutions



NeighborGood's current operating space limits its ability to serve the diverse needs of the guests who use NeighborGood's services.

Challenges

Solution Within Proposed Project

Guests are not able to do their own personal shopping due to our limited space. As a result some families end up receiving items they cannot use, creating food waste.

Will allow guests a more dignified shopping experience. Designed like a grocery store, families will select appropriate foods for their family composition, cultural preferences, health concerns, allergies, and other needs.

Lack of refrigerator and freezer space prohibits NeighborGood's ability to participate in sustainable food rescue and limits the types of cold and perishable foods we can accept as donations and offer to guests.

Will have space for large walk-in refrigerators/freezers. This will expand our ability to provide milk, eggs, and cheese on-site as well as provide more fresh fruits, vegetables, and other cold items that are donated.

Limited space results in NeighborGood turning down large volunteer groups. We need volunteers but cannot accommodate more than a few at a time.

Will allow for corporate and community volunteer groups to support our efforts in much larger numbers.

Our service offerings to our guests are limited due to restrictions of the current building, such as the hours of service, size of our leased space, parking lot limitations, and outdoor usage limitations.

Will allow us to manage our own hours and initiatives at our discretion. We will be able to host:

- Health and vaccination clinics
- Nutritional services
- WIC/SNAP advising
- Point of Distribution for the County following natural disaster
- Private consultation rooms

The current donation drop off area is also where guests pick up their pantry items.

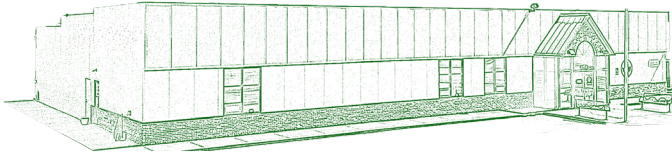
Will have a separate entrance for donation drop off and a loading dock which allows for uninterrupted intake of donations during guest hours. Guests will enter through the front door.

Our current location only has a small community garden.

Will allow for expansion of our community garden, edible landscaping and composting.

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CAMPAIGN OVERVIEW



MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS

NeighborGood plays a crucial role in addressing food insecurity in Sarpy County. We serve hundreds of families each month including residents of Papillion, La Vista, Ralston, Bellevue, Gretna, Springfield and local rural areas.

NEIGHBORGOOD LIMITATIONS

The previously leased facility was inadequate to address the rising demand for services. We were restricted in our ability to operate efficiently.

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ESTIMATED CAMPAIGN BUDGET

Use of Funds	Total
BUILDING PURCHASE	\$1,920,000
RENOVATION & RELATED COSTS	\$1,080,450
FURNITURE, TECHNOLOGY & EQUIPMENT	\$300,000
OPERATIONAL & MAINTENANCE RESERVES	\$421,800

Total Uses: \$3,722,250

POVERTY

is considered the single largest determinant of wellbeing and in 2020 5.6% of Sarpy County residents lived below the poverty line and 10.9% were food insecure. Since 2021, NeighborGood has seen an average annual increase of 38% in guests needing our services.

15 YEARS

of serving Sarpy County and Ralston

SERVED 6,935 FAMILIES

between 2020 and 2023

The #3 Need for Sarpy County residents surveyed was getting

HEALTHY FOOD

32.5%

of Sarpy County population has low food access

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WHY

Sarpy County and Ralston residents need help with food insecurity

WHEN

Moved in and operational in April 2025

WHO

NeighborGood’s Board is leading the project in partnership with Sarpy County and Ralston Leaders

WHERE

Centrally located in Sarpy County near 66th and Cornhusker





estimated capital campaign budget

Use of Funds	Total
BUILDING PURCHASE	\$1,920,000
DUE DILIGENCE	\$5,500
RELOCATION EXPENSES	\$50,000
RENOVATION COSTS	\$750,000
A&E	\$97,000
PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$147,950
SIGNAGE	\$30,000
TECHNOLOGY	\$75,000
FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	\$225,000
OPERATIONAL RESERVE	\$229,800
MAINTENANCE RESERVE	\$192,000
Total Uses:	\$3,722,250
Source of Funds	Total
Funds to date (1 Dec 2024) - Includes committed Funds	\$653,803
Sarpy County ARPA Funding	\$400,000
Total Sources:	\$1,053,803

Amount left to raise \$2,668,447



how you can support us

Cash, Check, Bank Transfer, Credit Cards

Donors who contribute with credit cards may add a percentage to cover processing fees.

Stocks

Save on capital gains and income taxes. Deduct the value of the stock at current market rates regardless of your original purchase price.

Qualified Charitable Distributions from an IRA/RMD

Those over 70.5 years of age can make charitable donations paid directly to NeighborGood from their IRA account and avoid personal income tax liabilities. Individuals 72 years of age and older may consider making their required minimum distribution (RMD) payable to NeighborGood.

Real Estate

A gift of real estate to NeighborGood can be accomplished by working with staff and advisors prior to making a transfer. Gifting real estate offers tax advantages, avoids capital gains, and allows you to claim the current fair market appraised value of your property as a tax deduction.

Naming Opportunities

Make a lasting tribute with a legacy gift.

Donor Advised Fund

Charitable contributions to your donor-advised fund can be transferred by submitting NeighborGood information to your fund representative.

Pledges

Making a two or three-year pledge to NeighborGood can spread your gifts over time.

Matching Gifts

Ask your employer if they offer matching gifts.

Remember a Loved One

Please talk with a staff member to recognize a loved one in perpetuity at NeighborGood.

Estate Gifts

Name NeighborGood as a beneficiary in your will by listing a specific gift, property, or specific amount of money or stock. Name NeighborGood as a beneficiary in your insurance policies, IRAs, and other investments. Consider transferring paid-up insurance policies into the NeighborGood name.

NeighborGood new facility gift

I/we (names) _____

intend to contribute the sum of \$ _____ to NeighborGood's new facility in

the form of:

Cash/Check

*(Checks may be payable to NeighborGood,
please note "Capital" in the memo.)*

Stock or asset transfer

Grain or livestock

Other: _____

This gift will be matched by a company. Company name: _____

This gift is payable over a period of:

1 year

2 years

3 years

With the initial installment of \$ _____ to be made on or before (date) _____

Thereafter, gift installments of \$ _____ will be made. Reminders may be sent:

Annually

Quarterly

Monthly

Other

This gift will be made with automatic electronic financial transfers (EFTs or withdrawals):

Annually

Quarterly

Monthly

Other: _____

Name on account _____

Account number _____ Routing number _____

Financial institution _____

(Please attach a voided check or deposit slip)

Donor Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

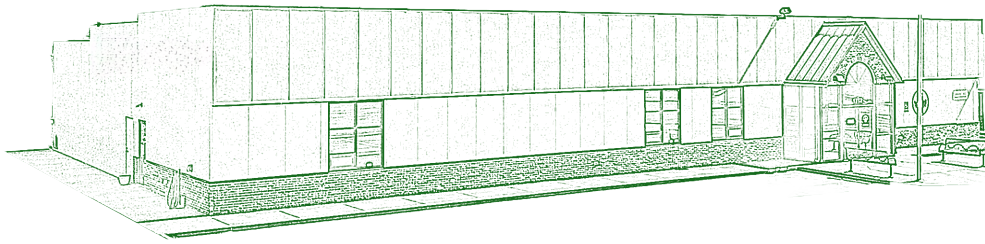
Phone: _____ Email: _____

I would like to keep my gift anonymous.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



giving opportunities



NAMING RIGHTS TO THE NEW BUILDING

\$1,000,000

benefactor levels

Visionary	\$1,000,000
Champion	\$500,000
Advocate	\$250,000
Guardian	\$100,000
Supporter	\$50,000
Collaborator	\$25,000
Friend	\$10,000

Make a lasting tribute by becoming a Benefactor of Growing to Give: A better future for those in need.

As a Benefactor, you will make a positive impact by fighting food insecurity and hunger.

Your name will be prominently displayed on the donor wall in the Welcome Center of the new food pantry.

capital naming rights

Naming Rights to the New Building

\$1,000,000

The campaign's most impactful and visible contribution is a true legacy gift. The building will be named as designated by the donor.

Neighbor Shopping Area

\$500,000

A grocery store setup for guests to select items for their family. It will include pass-through refrigerators/freezers for dairy and protein items, food and paper products on store shelving, and fresh produce displays.

more capital naming rights

Operations Center and Inventory Control

\$250,000

This control center is where donated items will be sorted, processed, and prepared for distribution. It will track food and products annually, including food donated by individuals, retailers, manufacturers, food service companies, farmers, and other commodities.

Community Training and Conference Room

\$250,000

The Community Training and Conference Room will serve as a central meeting space for staff, volunteers, guest education programs, and clinics. This informal meeting area will foster collaboration among our staff and partners and enhance our service to the community. Additionally, it will provide a space where guests can use provided computers to sign up for services or benefits.

Welcome Center

\$100,000

The welcome desk and guest waiting area will host thousands of volunteers and visitors each year. This space is equipped with a comfortable seating area, restrooms, and kids' activity area.

Refrigeration/Freezer Unit

\$100,000

Walk-in refrigeration & freezer units to provide cold storage space for fresh produce from our community garden and edible landscaping, donations of surplus items, dairy products, and various frozen protein options.

Dock & Distribution Hub

\$100,000

The central entry and exit point for large food donations, and deliveries.

Community Garden

\$100,000

A sustainable solution for providing in-season produce.

Donation Dropoff Zone

\$100,000

A covered drive-up area for smaller donations from individuals and food drives.

Pet Food Pantry

\$50,000

A pantry area for items important to the family members with fur.

Perishable Food Processing Area

\$25,000

A clean room for volunteers to process and package produce.