



Ending Hunger Together: Today, Tomorrow and For Good

About the Campaign

Harvesting Hope is a transformative \$30.5 million campaign to significantly expand the Great Plains Food Bank's ability to serve our neighbors experiencing food insecurity. This campaign will build essential infrastructure, expand our programs and reach, and help fund our future. At its core is the construction of a new, state-of-the-art statewide distribution center.

With more people turning to our statewide feeding network than ever before, we must have the physical capacity to meet demand and support our evolving mission. This facility is designed to enhance efficiency, increase access to nutritious food, and support sustainable solutions to hunger. This investment will grow our warehouse footprint, expand cold storage capacity, and double our volunteer space. Most importantly, it will empower us to scale innovative services and programs that reduce barriers to food access and strengthen our commitment to a hunger-free future for North Dakota and Clay County, Minnesota.



Scan the QR Code
to learn more.

Meet Our Cabinet Members

We are honored to be joined by a passionate and committed group of leaders serving on the Harvesting Hope Campaign Cabinet. Led by Cabinet Chair John H. Fisher, Jr. (pictured right) and Honorary Chairs Mark and Michelle Watne and Great Plains Food Bank Board Chair Jasper Schneider, this group brings invaluable experience, insight, and heart to the mission of ending hunger.



Cabinet members Amy Durbin, Aaron Hill, Megan Langley, Emma McIntyre, and April Walker have each stepped forward to champion this campaign because they believe that together, we can create a future where all neighbors are nourished.

The Cabinet's leadership and generosity are laying the foundation for lasting impact across our region. We are deeply grateful for their commitment to ensuring that the Harvesting Hope Campaign is successful today—and its results are transformative for decades to come.





Why We're Harvesting Hope

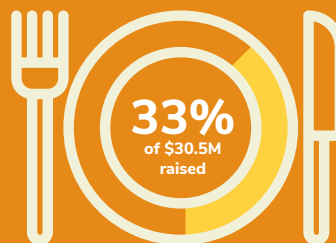
The need for food assistance has nearly doubled over the last decade—and our current statewide distribution center has reached its limits. After months of renting off-site storage, battling HVAC failures, and addressing water drainage problems with our roof and parking lot we conducted a comprehensive assessment into the quality, maintenance needs and capacity of our facility. Outdated and/or non-code compliant systems - including insulation, ventilation, heating, electrical, and ADA access - require extensive work. And because the building sits on a former landfill, expansion is not possible.

Simply put, we are out of space and unable to keep pace with the growing demand our neighbors rely on us to meet.

The Harvesting Hope Campaign is a \$30.5 million investment designed to address urgent needs today and lay the foundation for a hunger-free tomorrow.

This campaign is not only about bricks and mortar—it is

Campaign Objectives



Build Essential Infrastructure
\$28.8M

Expand Programs & Reach
\$1.3M

Fund the Future
\$400K

about what a new building will make possible. With it, we will have the capacity to re-imagine hunger relief, serving more people, more effectively, for generations to come.

That is why we launched the Harvesting Hope Campaign—not just to build a new facility, but to build a future where every neighbor has enough to eat.

Warda's Story

For neighbors like Warda, the Great Plains Food Bank is more than a place to find food—it is a source of hope, dignity, and relief during difficult times.

Warda and her family are participants in the Great Plains Food Bank Kitchen Coalition program. She describes the gratitude she feels knowing her children have nourishing meals and the comfort of knowing her community cares.

Stories like Warda's remind us that behind every statistic is a family, a future, and a reason to keep pushing forward.

"It [food] was a blessing to have. I don't have to worry about tomorrow or what my daughter will eat."



Listen to Warda's full story by scanning the QR code.



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