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# HARVESTING HOPE

Ending Hunger Together: Today, Tomorrow and For Good

## North Dakota Legislature Passes HB1143 and Makes a Major Investment in Hunger Relief

This year, the 69th North Dakota Legislative Assembly made a historic commitment to the movement to end hunger by passing House Bill 1143, dedicating \$5 million toward the Great Plains Food Bank's new statewide distribution center.

We are deeply grateful to the Legislative Assembly for this bold act of leadership. This investment will allow us to maximize logistics and storage efficiency, expand cooler and freezer space, and add specialized areas such as a community room and allergen repack space. Designed by food bankers for food banking, this new facility will not only meet today's needs but will evolve with our mission for decades to come – strengthening our ability to serve more than 160,000 neighbors each year.

The state's commitment will be matched dollar-for-dollar by private donations, a shining example of what is possible when public and private partners unite to expand food access. Your support of the Harvesting Hope Campaign helped unlock this once-in-a-generation investment – ensuring that neighbors in every zip code across our service area will benefit for years to come.

**Join us in Harvesting Hope!** Together, we can build a hunger-free future.

From rural communities to city neighborhoods, this investment ensures that every corner of North Dakota and Clay County, MN has access to food. Explore our map of partner food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters to see where Great Plains Food Bank makes an impact.

Scan the QR Code to learn more.



Governor Armstrong signing HB1143 into law surrounded by supporters of the Great Plains Food Bank



Former CEO Melissa Sobolik represented the Great Plains Food Bank at the state legislature, advocating for House Bill 1143

### By the Numbers: Increased Space For Greater Impact

**57% More Space**  
Expanding from 45,000 to 70,500 sq. ft.

**6 Loading Docks**  
Faster, more efficient shipping and receiving

**128% More Cold Storage**  
Larger freezer and cooler space for fresh, healthy foods

**Room for 100 Volunteers**  
Doubling our capacity to welcome helping hands



Rendering of new Statewide Distribution Center; Shipping & Receiving Zone

## Strengthening Partnerships

The investment in a new statewide distribution center isn't just about the Great Plains Food Bank—it's about every partner agency we serve across North Dakota and Clay County, Minnesota. From small-town food pantries to large community programs, like the Dream Center Bismarck, this expansion means more food can reach more neighbors, more efficiently.

Jim Barnhardt, Executive Director of the Dream Center Bismarck, describes just how vital this partnership is:

**"If Great Plains Food Bank did not exist, a lot of the food pantries throughout North Dakota and parts of Minnesota, as well as the Dream Center, would not exist today."**

This investment is also an investment in the nearly 200 food pantries, shelters, and meal programs we partner with to make sure no child, senior, or family has to face hunger alone.

Scan the QR code to hear more from Jim and learn about the impact Great Plains Food Bank has on partners, like the Dream Center Bismarck, across the state.

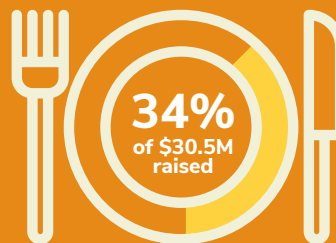


**Jim Barnhardt,**  
Executive Director of Dream Center Bismarck

## Want to learn more about the Harvesting Hope Campaign?

We'd love to share with your church, civic group, organization, or workplace. Together, we can inspire more people to join us as we end hunger today, tomorrow and for good! Contact us today to schedule a presentation and discover how you can harvest hope!

## Campaign Objectives



Build Essential Infrastructure  
**\$28.8M**

Expand Programs & Reach  
**\$1.3M**

Fund the Future  
**\$400K**

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