

Brook and her sons



# HARVESTING HOPE

Ending Hunger Together: Today, Tomorrow and For Good

At the heart of our Harvesting Hope Campaign are the industries that define North Dakota—energy and agriculture. These sectors power our homes, feed our families, and strengthen communities across our region. Today, they’re helping us power something even greater: a future without hunger. We’re deeply grateful for the many partners across these industries whose generosity is making our vision possible.

## North Dakota Farmers Union Cultivates a Brighter Future with a \$500,000 Gift to the Harvesting Hope Campaign

The Great Plains Food Bank is proud to announce a \$500,000 gift from the North Dakota Farmers Union in support of our Harvesting Hope Campaign — a multi-year initiative to expand and modernize the Great Plains Food Bank’s facilities and operations to meet the growing need for food assistance across North Dakota and Clay County, Minnesota.

This generous contribution from North Dakota Farmers Union demonstrates the agricultural community’s deep commitment to caring for neighbors and strengthening the state’s food system from the ground up. North

Dakota Farmers Union is a longtime partner of the Great Plains Food Bank and this gift will support statewide hunger relief efforts and enhance the food distribution infrastructure, ensuring that nutritious food can reach every corner of the state more efficiently.

**“We are fortunate to be able to make this donation, which comes from the strength of our grassroots organization and our members – the hundreds of family farmers and ranchers who put food on our tables every day,”** said Mark Watne, President of North Dakota Farmers Union.



Members of the NDFU Board of Directors, Marcia Paulson, GPFB Chief Philanthropy Officer, and Mark and Michelle Watne, Harvesting Hope Honorary Co-Chairs.

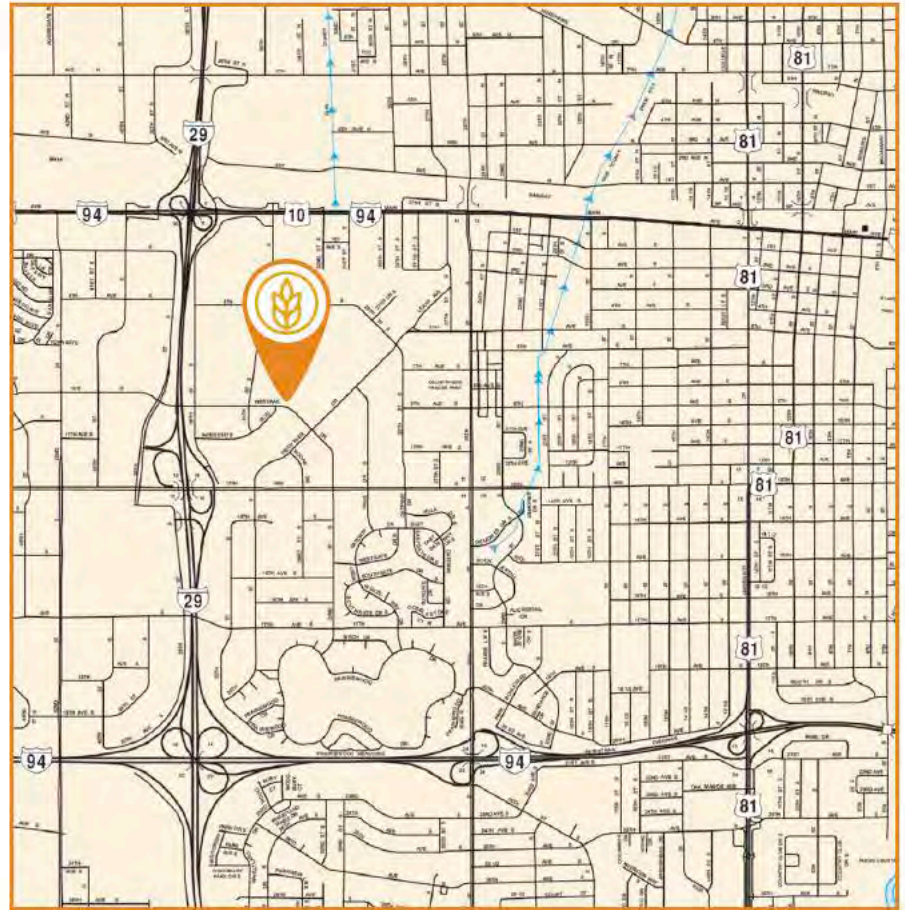
## Where Infrastructure Meets Impact

For more than four decades, Fargo has served as the home and heartbeat of the Great Plains Food Bank, North Dakota's only food bank and largest hunger-relief organization. Our statewide distribution facility, paired with our regional service center in Bismarck, and our fleet of semi-tractor trailers forms a powerful infrastructure that keeps food moving efficiently to families in need throughout North Dakota and Clay County, MN.

These strategic locations have access to major interstates that aid food industry donations, deliveries to our charitable feeding partners, and access for our strong volunteer base that keeps our mission moving forward.

Our Harvesting Hope Campaign is investing in this vital infrastructure that serves as the lifeline for 160,000 people living in rural, urban and tribal communities seeking our support.

Your investment in Harvesting Hope is more than a building; it's a promise to our region. A promise that as long as hunger exists, so will we. Thank you!



## Sam's Family Finds Hope and Opportunity

For Sam, moving to North Dakota meant a chance to build stability for his family. After relocating from Utah to be closer to relatives, he and his wife found a supportive community and new opportunities to rebuild. Sam plans on returning to the oil rigs, a career he has experienced before, while his wife continues to care for the family at home.

During the transition, they sought help from the Great Plain Fook Bank's mobile food pantry for food assistance. Each bag of groceries provided relief and reassurance that his children would have enough to eat. "I appreciate this, getting any help we can," shared Sam. "Every bit of food helps."

Looking ahead, Sam dreams of making North Dakota a home where his children can finish school and be part of a community that makes day-to-day life manageable for a large family. Thanks to the Harvesting Hope Campaign, investments in stronger infrastructure and expanded programming means more families like Sam's can access food when and where they need it most.



# Designed for the Future

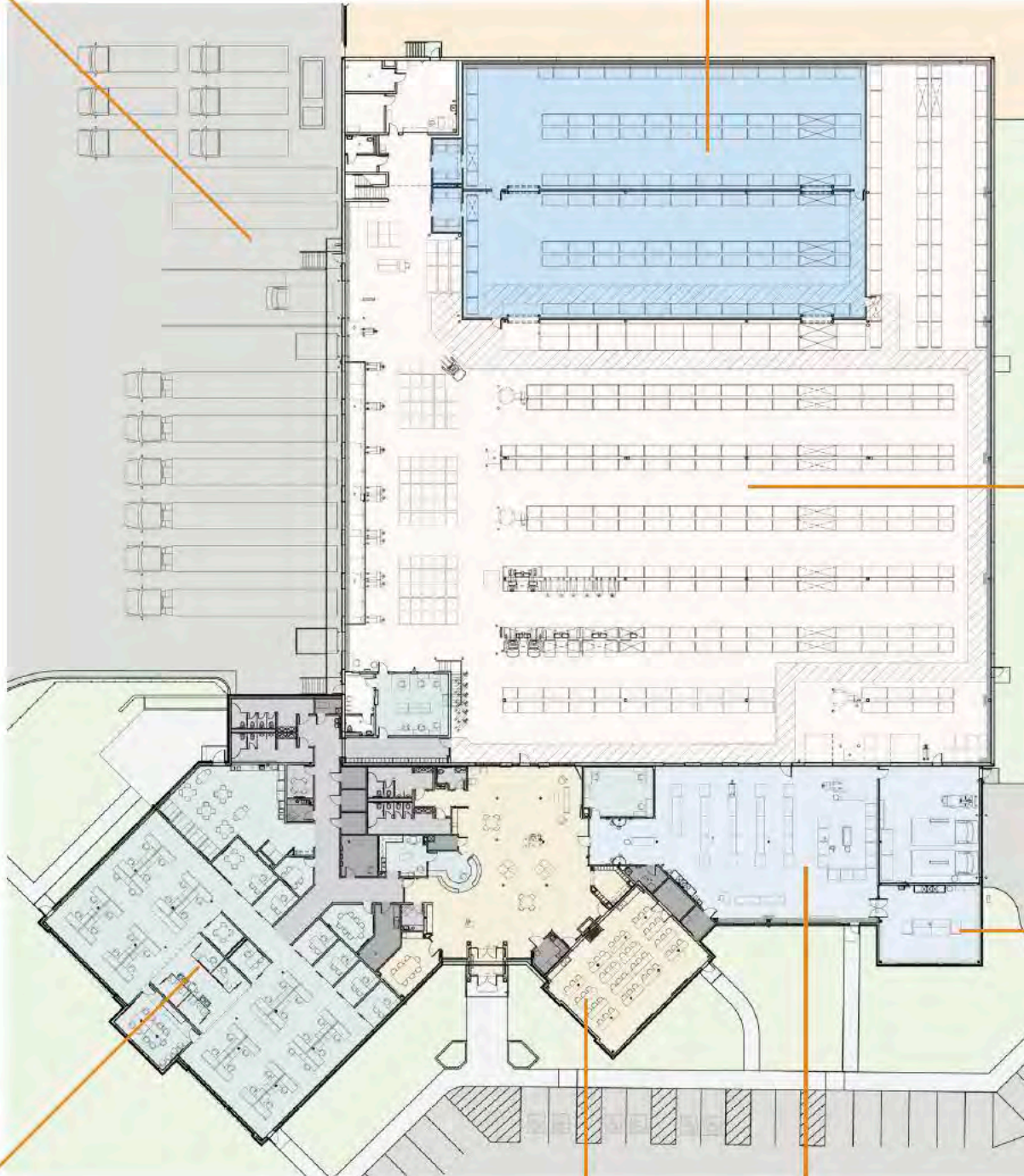
Site location, future expansion opportunities, and flexibility for an evolving mission.

## Shipping & Receiving Zone

Addition of loading docks (3 more), designated truck parking, and warehouse space for more efficient receipt and preparation of food products for safe distribution statewide.

## Freezer And Cooler

Increased space (128% more) to accommodate growing availability of produce and other perishable products.



## Dry Storage Space

Warehouse expanded (by 57%) from 45,000 to 70,500 sq. ft., and optimized for greater efficiency to accept, store, and prepare food for statewide distribution.

## Allergen Repack Room

New space for volunteers to safely re-pack allergen specific food products - increasing variety and amount of food available for neighbors in need.

## Employee Workspace

Supportive office and outdoor environments for a growing and diverse workforce.

## Volunteer Center

Expanded and enhanced volunteer engagement experience, doubling existing capacity to welcome 100 volunteers at a time.

## Community Collaboration Center

New multi-use engagement space for workforce development, coalition building, training, and events.



# GREAT PLAINS FOOD BANK



Pictured: Kyle Bergh, GPFB Truck Driver, Brent Lohnes and Michael Bast, Chevron, and Marcia Paulson, GPFB Chief Philanthropy Officer.

## Chevron Invests \$150,000 to Equip Future Statewide Distribution Center

The ability to move millions of pounds of food safely and efficiently in the Great Plains Food Bank’s new statewide distribution center will soon be a reality thanks to a \$150,000 investment from the Chevron Corporation. Their gift will provide essential equipment to ensure the facility will be ready to meet the growing need for hunger relief across North Dakota and Clay County, Minnesota.

Chevron’s gift will fund critical equipment including stand-up electric forklifts, pallet jacks, industrial scales, and other tools necessary for safe and efficient operations within the new facility. These investments will strengthen the Great Plains Food Bank’s ability to distribute more than double the amount of pounds distributed each year to neighbors experiencing hunger.

**“We are proud to support the Great Plains Food Bank as they take this important step forward. Investing in the new distribution center ensures families across North Dakota have reliable access to food, and it reflects our long-standing commitment to strengthening the communities where we live and work,”** said Michael Bast, Regional Director of North Dakota, Chevron.

### Harvesting Hope Campaign



**Goal: \$30.5M**

Build Essential Infrastructure  
**\$28.8M**

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

Grow Endowment Fund  
**\$400K**

**35%**  
Raised

### 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!

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