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HARVESTING HOPE

Ending Hunger Together: Today, Tomorrow and For Good

A Remarkable Gift from the Tom And Frances Leach Foundation Advances Harvesting Hope

We are deeply grateful to the Tom and Frances Leach Foundation for their support of \$250,000 to the Great Plains Food Bank's Harvesting Hope campaign. Their generous commitment will significantly advance our efforts to expand food access by strengthening our infrastructure to serve neighbors in need.



“The mission of the Tom and Frances Leach Foundation is to uplift communities by investing in meaningful initiatives that create opportunities and strengthen local impact,” shared Ann Reich, Grants Committee Chair of the Foundation. **“We are proud to support the Great Plains Food Bank’s Harvesting Hope campaign and the transformative work they are doing to nourish families and build stronger, healthier communities.”**

Gifts like this create lasting impact by helping to scale vital services and organizational capacity. We are honored to partner with the Tom and Frances Leach Foundation and sincerely thank them for joining us in the mission to end hunger, together.

The Power of Volunteers: Fueling Our Mission to End Hunger

At the Great Plains Food Bank, volunteers make it possible for us to advance our mission and ensure food reaches neighbors across our region. Over the past year, volunteers contributed more than 12,200 hours (\$419,886) in our warehouses and in community/mobiles, pop-ups, cultural, etc.—repacking bulk food into family-sized portions, assembling senior food boxes, and filling backpacks for children who rely on weekend meals. This work simply wouldn't be possible without their dedication.

As we look ahead, our new statewide distribution center in Fargo will expand opportunities for volunteers even further. With space for up to 100 volunteers at a time, along with a welcome center, lockers, and added comforts, we're creating an environment where even more individuals, families, businesses, churches, civic organizations can get involved. We are deeply grateful to every volunteer who helps move our mission forward.



Stronger Together: Convening for Change

To continue building meaningful community conversations, we've launched a series of Harvesting Hope Convenings across the state. These gatherings create space to connect with local communities, share the impact of the Great Plains Food Bank, and explore how we can work together to advance our mission to end hunger together!

In the months ahead, we'll host additional convenings to provide others the opportunity to learn more about our work and the vision for the campaign. These events offer the chance to meet with our team, discover ways to get involved, and invite partners across the state to come alongside us in advancing Harvesting Hope.

Through conversation, connection, and collective action, we are building stronger communities—because we are truly better together.



Meet the Partners Bringing Our New Facility to Life

When we talk about the future of the Great Plains Food Bank, we often talk about scale, capacity, and impact—but at its heart, this new state-of-the-art food distribution facility is about people and the power of partnership rooted in our region. As we take this next step forward, we're proud to work alongside trusted partners from North Dakota and Minnesota who understand our communities, our climate, and our commitment to feeding neighbors.

Providing project coordination is **4 The Hungry** guiding the the process with deep expertise and a shared passion for mission-driven work. **Schultz + Associates Architects** is bringing a thoughtful, resilient design approach, and **Olaf Anderson Construction** will bring that vision to life. Thanks to their expertise and collaboration, we're on track for the building to be complete in mid-summer 2027.

Providing Hope to Our Neighbors

Because of your generosity, we're building the infrastructure and systems that will support our neighbors for years to come. Neighbors like Dee, who recently turned to the food pantry for the first time while living on a fixed Social Security income that no longer covers her basic needs.

"It was very hard to come to the food pantry at first, but then I decided, that's what it's here for... thankfully there's people like you out there."

To learn more about the hope you're helping provide, visit our website.



Harvesting Hope Campaign



Goal: \$30.5M

Build Essential Infrastructure
\$28.8M

Expand Programs & Reach
\$1.3M

Grow Endowment Fund
\$400K

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