



## The Next Chapter

Due to the consistent and unbelievable growth we are experiencing, we are excited to embark on our first capital campaign to build the infrastructure needed to continue to serve people. We have an immediate and rare opportunity to acquire a building that not only meets our current needs (15,000 square feet) but ensures our ability to accommodate upcoming growth. For this dream location to become a reality we need to raise \$3M by July 31.

The growing need in our community has not slowed-it continues to grow. We started in 2016 serving 50 families per week-we are now serving over 700. We are collecting, sorting, packaging and distributing 50,000 pounds per food each week...in a workspace of 3000 square feet. If the need grows at the same level as the last 2 years, we will be over 1,200 families per week by the end of 2024. That is 90,000 pounds per week-more than 3 semis!

The numbers are staggering, and increasing, but we never lose sight of the fact that we are not serving numbers, we are serving people. People just like you and me. Our neighbors, friends and families. Over half of all Americans are 2 paychecks away from needing help. We are passionate about providing a full shopping cart of healthy food-dairy, produce, meat, bread and non-perishables. Although the majority of our patrons come from a four-county area, we draw from over 20 counties. We have no income or residency requirements; we do not receive government funding; we allow patrons to come every week-we are here to serve without judgment.

Our path to making this happen involves a few individuals partnering with us in a big way; numerous people helping as they can. Whether it is an individual gift of \$3M, or 3 gifts of \$1M, or 20 gifts of \$150K, or 30,000 people donating \$100 (or any combination of these), we are confident we will meet our goal. Our ask is big; our impact is huge; our future impact will be massive. To donate, please see the options here: <a href="https://www.bbpantry.org/donate">https://www.bbpantry.org/donate</a> or contact us for further conversations on partnering with us.

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Treat every individual with dignity and respect while addressing the food scarcity issues at hand.