

In his recent newsletter, President Rob Williams shared: I want to center this momentous news on why we purchased the building and take you briefly to our early days.



The above photo is of our very first "facility" where we stored food to feed 27 kindergarteners at Las Estrellas (formerly Sheridan) Elementary School in Northeast Minneapolis.

Today we provide food to over 12,000 kids in more than 450 schools and are at the point where we need to expand our physical space to do even more. The reality is that there are still a lot of bellies that are rumbling over the weekends. We've seen an increase of 28.6% of kids needing food support compared to the 2021-2022 school year and there's been a 45% increase in schools joining our waiting list, totaling 171.

Today we celebrate the purchase of a building that will allow us to do just that – more. Over the past three years, we've thoughtfully considered various options, and purchasing a building was the best long-term financial and strategic decision. It will lower our overall operation cost and increase our program impact.



This rendering is a glimpse into our 68,000-square-foot building and future. Along with excitement, I feel tremendous gratitude. Thanks to a grant from the State of Minnesota, a generous anonymous donor, and a short-term loan through Minnesota Lakes Bank we were able to reach this major milestone.

There is a lot to give thanks for in getting us to this point, and this is only the beginning of more to come. To learn more and see our current space, attend our Open House on January 24th from 4:00-5:30 PM. Thank you for making contributions, volunteering, spreading the word, and showing up for our kids. I am proud to be in this work alongside you.