

DIRECTIONS TO NEW FACILITY

As most of you already know, in a few weeks, the St. Louis Area Foodbank will be moving into a new, state-of-the-art distribution center located in the Earth City Business District. The exact date is still yet to be determined, but we wanted to share with you directions to our new facility. And when we say "our new facility," we're including you. We're certain that this move will be a major benefit to the community in need and will better fulfill our shared mission of feeding hungry people.

To learn why the move was necessary, please see Page 3 inside.

**ST. LOUIS AREA FOODBANK
 70 CORPORATE WOODS DRIVE
 ST. LOUIS, MO 63044**

FROM THE SOUTH:

Take I-270 north or I-170 north to I-70 west. Exit onto the Earth City Expressway north. Make the first left turn past St. Charles Rock Rd. onto Corporate Woods Drive to #70 (building on the right).

FROM THE NORTH:

Take I-270 south to Hwy. 370 west. Exit Earth City Expressway south to Corporate Woods Drive. Turn right to #70 (building on the left).

OR:

Take I-170 south to I-70 west and exit onto the Earth City Expressway north. Make the first left turn past St. Charles Rock Rd. onto Corporate Woods Drive to #70 (building on the right).

FROM THE WEST:

Take I-270 north to I-70 east to Earth City Expressway north. Make the first left turn past St. Charles Rock Rd. onto Corporate Woods Drive to #70 (building on the right).

OR:

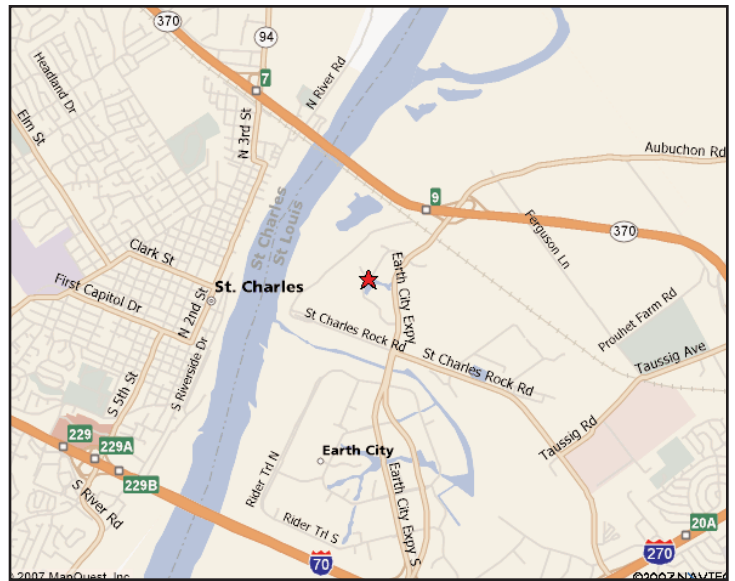
Take Hwy. 370 east and exit onto the Earth City Expressway south to Corporate Woods Drive. Turn right to #70 (building on the left).

FROM THE EAST/DOWNTOWN ST. LOUIS:

Take I-70 west and exit onto Earth City Expressway north. Make the first left turn past St. Charles Rock Rd. onto Corporate Woods Drive to #70 (building on the right).

OR:

St. Charles Rock Rd. west to Earth City Expressway turn right. Take the first left turn onto Corporate Woods Drive to #70 (building on the right).



OLD VS. NEW: DISTANCE COMPARISON

When selecting a new location, we wanted to make sure that we would remain accessible to you - our partner agencies. By moving to the Earth City Business District, we've done just that. With quick access to highways 270 and 70, it's easy to understand why shipping companies like UPS, FedEx, and DHL have their local hubs in Earth City.

OLD

To 5959 St. Louis Avenue from:

St. Charles Family Arena:	17 miles
Maritz:	20 miles
South County Mall:	23 miles
Edward Jones Dome:	10 miles
Northwest Plaza:	10 miles
Lambert Airport:	9 miles

NEW

To 70 Corporate Woods Drive from:

St. Charles Family Arena:	6 miles
Maritz:	21 miles
South County Mall:	24 miles
Edward Jones Dome:	20 miles
Northwest Plaza:	6 miles
Lambert Airport:	7 miles

HUNGER ADVOCACY DAY IN JEFFERSON CITY A SUCCESS

The St. Louis Area Foodbank joined other Missouri food banks in Jefferson City on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, for Hunger Advocacy Day. The focus of the day was to inform legislators about the hunger issues in our area and advocate for favorable policies on behalf of the hungry.



Twenty-one people from the St. Louis Area Foodbank and its member agencies boarded the bus at 7:00 am. Packets of information were given to each person making the trip. These packets were then distributed to their own legislator with food distribution facts taken from the legislator's own district.

Senator Rod Jetton spoke with all of the Foodbanks attending about pending legislation that would directly affect the people we serve. These bills are as follows:

House Bill 453 would authorize income tax credit for donations to food pantries

House Bill 454 would authorize the Family Support Division to assist certain elderly individuals who qualify for the federal Food Stamp Program in obtaining supplemental food stamps.

At this time House Bill 453 has passed the House and the Senate but will still have to be signed by the Governor. House Bill 454 has passed the House and is now in the Senate. If you haven't already contacted your Senator regarding House Bill 454, we encourage you to do so.

Thanks to all the agencies that made the trip and helped to improve awareness of hunger in our state.

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

Food banks, community pantries and soup kitchens are an important source of nutritional foods for many low-income individuals and families in St. Louis. Your resources may be in even greater demand during a public health crisis if grocery stores are unable to keep their shelves stocked or individuals are unable to purchase or afford food.



Do you have a disaster plan? What steps can your organization take to ensure a continued supply of food during a public health emergency?

As part of National Public Health Week, which is observed during the month of April, the City of St. Louis Department of Health wants to help your organization "take the first step" in preparing for an emergency, such as a power outage, tornado, pandemic flu, or earthquake. If you would like more information, please contact the City of St. Louis, Department of Health at 314-612-5289.



ILLINOIS EFP TRAINING SET FOR MAY 8TH

There will be an Illinois EFP Training held from 9:30 to 11:00 am on Tuesday May 8th. This training will be held at the St. Louis Area Foodbank's new location, 70 Corporate Woods, St. Louis, MO 63044.

Amina Everett and Emmett Lee from the Springfield, IL office will be present to provide the training. New EFP regulations will be discussed and new forms, posters and site manuals will be distributed.

Please try to attend this training so you will have all the information you need to run the EFP program efficiently and accurately.

Please RSVP to Karen Dennis by Friday, May 4, 2007.

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NEW BEGINNINGS ... NEW SOLUTIONS

The St. Louis Area Foodbank has been serving those in need throughout the bi-state region for more than 32 years. It is a mission that has remained focused but not static. Throughout the years, we have repeatedly adapted our operations to better meet the needs of our community. Since 1985, we occupied a 35,000 square foot facility on St. Louis Avenue - at that time, we distributed 3 million pounds of food and related household items annually. We now distribute more than 13 million pounds annually. Even with the addition of leased warehousing, we found it impossible to keep up with the growing need for food assistance.

It became a sad day when lack of adequate warehouse space prevented the Foodbank from acquiring available food products. Product donations to food banks across the country have increased 29 percent since 2002, but our distribution has remained essentially flat - between 11 and 13 million pounds - over that same time span.



It was clearly time for us to find a new solution to meeting growing demands, and we found it in an existing 92,000 square foot facility at 70 Corporate Woods in the Earth City Business District. Among the benefits that will be realized by this new location:

- *Easy highway accessibility for clients, agencies, volunteers and donors;*
- *Ability to increase annual distribution by 8 percent annually;*
- *Expansion of on-site cold storage capacity by nearly 90 percent*
- *Greater ability to accept donation offerings of eggs, poultry, fresh fruit, vegetables and frozen entrees;*
- *Ample space to expand programs and volunteer opportunities.*

We are thrilled by our newfound ability to better serve people in need through our partner agencies.

HUNGER AWARENESS DAY | TUESDAY, JUNE 5TH, 2007

The heart of Hunger Awareness Day is people coming together as individuals, groups, organizations or corporations to help hungry Americans. Whether it is advocating, raising awareness, sponsoring an event, participating in an event, or volunteering everyone can join us in fighting hunger in their communities. Together, we can and will create a hunger-free America.



Last year, Missouri Governor Matt Blunt visited the St. Louis Area Foodbank on National Hunger Awareness Day to sign into law House Bill 1559, which added grocery and convenience stores to the list of donors that can donate food to a charity or nonprofit organization for distribution without being liable for damages resulting from the food's condition.

Some of the activities you might plan are:

A Hunger Awareness Food Drive; Distributing information about hunger in your area; Distributing information about homelessness in your area; Serving a hot meal to the low income and homeless in your community; Serving a fund raising meal to raise money for your organization

Setting the Table

St. Louis Area Foodbank
70 Corporate Woods Drive
St. Louis, MO 63044

www.stlfoodbank.org

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