

St. Louis Area Foodbank opens recently acquired state-of-the-art food distribution center on National Hunger Awareness Day

Representatives from pantries with over 20 years of active partnership with the Foodbank received first distributions from newly acquired facility

The St. Louis Area Foodbank recently acquired a 92,000-square-foot facility near the Earth City Business Park and opened distribution to its 500+ food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters on National Hunger Awareness Day – Tuesday, June 5, 2007.

In honor of their longstanding partnership with the St. Louis Area Foodbank, the first items distributed from the new facility were picked up by the St. Nicholas Food Pantry which serves St. Louis City and Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois/Hardin Food Pantry. Both agencies have partnered with the Foodbank for more than 20 consecutive years.

**For directions
to the new
facility, please
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▲ Representatives from the St. Nicholas Food Pantry with the very first items distributed from the new location.



▲ Representatives from Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois/Hardin Food Pantry load their first-ever order from the new facility.



**THE FOODBANK WILL BE CLOSED
FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2007.**

FOODBANK HOSTS “FOOD FAIR” AT JERSEYVILLE FOOD PANTRY

The Jerseyville Food Pantry has operated officially since 1977, although the town assisted people in need with sporadic truckloads of commodities – such as cheese – before that.

The Pantry serves all of Jersey County, which includes the cities of Jerseyville, Grafton, Fieldon, and Brighton. Individuals in need can obtain food once a month from the Pantry. Food recipients include the elderly, families with young children, and the working poor. Most recipients either do not receive very much in food stamps or do not get them at all.

“The food that we receive from the Foodbank makes up at least 75 percent of what we give out,” says Sarah Collins, executive director of the Jerseyville Food Pantry. “We purchase some things from local grocery stores, and one of them gives us their day-old bakery items. We also receive some private donations.”

“Our food pantry, with the assistance of the Foodbank, helps a lot of people in our county obtain a little extra food that in many cases allows them to purchase other necessities,” Collins notes. “There is another food pantry in our town, but individuals who receive any food stamps cannot receive their product. Sometimes food stamps do not cover a family’s needs. Our food pantry helps supplement their food stamps or their food budget.”

The Pantry primarily receives USDA commodities, which are delivered to their site by the St. Louis Area Foodbank. The Foodbank recently held a food fair at the Jerseyville Food Pantry during which more than 100 families were served (pictured above). The Foodbank plans on having a food fair at different counties a number of times throughout the year.



NEW (AND IMPROVED) HOURS

In order to provide better service to you - our community partner agencies, the St. Louis Area Foodbank has modified its Warehouse hours in order to open earlier and to eliminate the need to close for lunch each day.

Beginning Monday, June 18, 2007, the Foodbank will be open non-stop for distribution the following days and times:

Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Friday
8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

*Please note we will no longer be closing for lunch.



DIRECTIONS TO NEW FACILITY

As you already know, the St. Louis Area Foodbank has relocated into a new, state-of-the-art distribution center located in the Earth City Business District. For those few that have yet to visit the new facility, we encourage you to do so.



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 west 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

Setting the Table

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