



# Faces of Hope – A Vision for Sustainable Excellence

Campaign and Construction Update

## The Future Looks Bright...

The Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma is expanding its 140,000 square-foot Donald W. Reynolds Distribution Center facility in Oklahoma City by nearly 50,000 square feet in order to increase the organization's capacity to serve more hungry Oklahomans. The updated facility will feature a new production kitchen, which will broaden the Regional Food Bank's *Food for Kids* programs to feed even more hungry Oklahoma children.

Included in the expansion is space for storage of shelf-stable foods, an expanded freezer and cooler area as well as space to accommodate more volunteers in the Volunteer Center and additional offices.

### Production Kitchen

Perhaps the most exciting and innovative part of the expansion is the construction of a production kitchen where the Regional Food Bank will produce meals for its Food for Kids programs, which serve more than 31,000 children annually. The production kitchen will distribute up to 1.25 million nutritious meals during the first five years of operation for children who participate in the Kids Cafe after-school program, Summer Food Service Program sites and other feeding initiatives. This new kitchen will allow Food for Kids programs to expand to additional sites and improve the nutritional quality of the meals served.

The Regional Food Bank is committed to providing healthy, nutritious meals for children in our Food for Kids programs. This production kitchen will allow us to do that in the most efficient and effective way.

— Rodney Bivens,  
Executive Director

*Executive Director and Founder Rodney W. Bivens signs the final steel beam before it is placed in the new production kitchen.*



In order to keep up with the demand for services and program expansion, the organization must expand its facility to meet not just today's needs but also tomorrow's.

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Executive Director

## Meeting Tomorrow's Needs

The Regional Food Bank's current facility opened as a 104,000 square-foot building in 2000. That year, it distributed 12.5 million pounds of food. By 2007 the Regional Food Bank had once again outgrown its space and in 2009 added another 36,600 square feet, which included critical food storage space, a state-of-the-art Volunteer Center and more office areas.

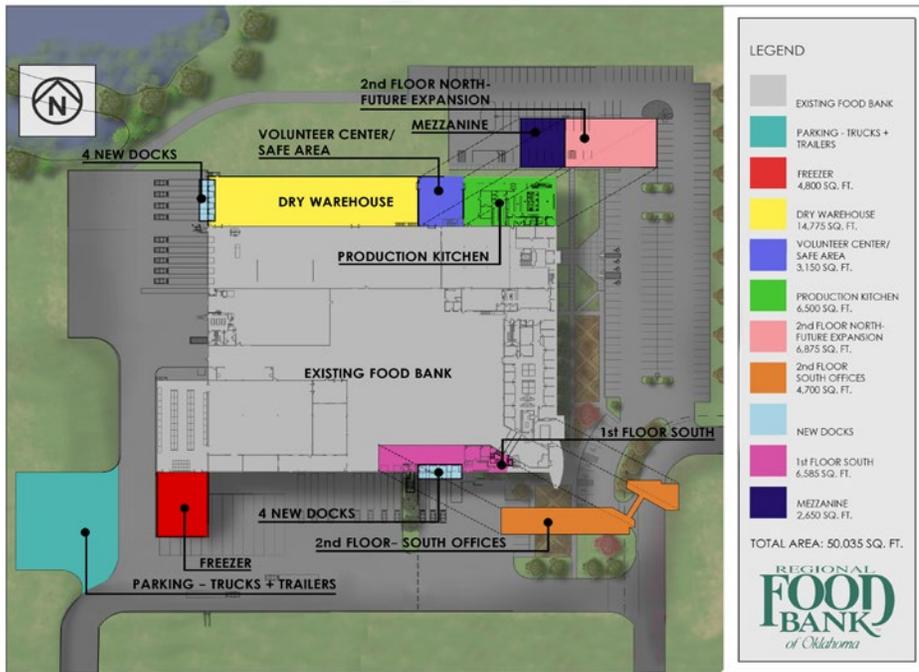
This expansion allowed the facility to nearly double the amount of food distributed annually. In fact, a full 44 percent of the Regional Food Bank's total distribution since 1980 has occurred in the past five and a half years.

This rapid growth has once again stretched the Regional Food Bank's existing capital resources to their limits, leaving little room for future expansion to meet the increased need for food assistance. To keep up with demands, the Regional Food Bank must continue to improve and expand its facility to meet not just today's needs but also tomorrow's.

In addition to increasing the facility's capacity to receive and distribute food, one key part of the expansion will enable the Regional Food Bank to harness the interest and passion of volunteers who want to have a hands-on role in the fight against hunger. The Volunteer Center accommodates about 48,000 volunteers each year, which saves more than \$3 million in labor costs. In fact, a full one-third of all the product received and distributed by the Regional Food Bank is worked by volunteers. This expansion will allow the facility to accommodate up to 65,000 volunteers annually.

The overall facility expansion is part of a larger, long-range effort to increase the quality and quantity of nutritious food available to Oklahomans struggling with hunger. The results of this initiative will directly benefit all Oklahomans, especially the working poor, senior citizens living on fixed incomes and chronically hungry children.





## Donors Generously Support the Facility Expansion

Since its inception in 1980, the Regional Food Bank has been generously supported by the community and, once again, donors have responded to the organization's efforts to expand to serve the needs of the community.

More than \$7 million was raised by generous donors to underwrite the costs of this facility expansion. The Donald W. Reynolds Foundation, which provided the \$5.4 million grant to build the facility in 2000, once again supported the Regional Food Bank's plans to expand with a \$1 million grant. The J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation also provided a \$1 million grant to help fund the expansion.

Other important lead donors to the project include the Inasmuch Foundation, Carità Famiglia LLC, the Charles and Cassandra Bowen Charitable Foundation, the Chickasaw Nation, Devon Energy Corporation and the E.L. and Thelma Gaylord Foundation.

This successful fundraising effort was led by three chairs: Robert Clements, Michael Joseph and Rainey Williams, all longtime board members of the Regional Food Bank. Other committee members include: Gary Allison, Cindy Batt, Tony Boghetich, Karen Cunningham, Marian Moon, Xavier Neira, Adam Rainbolt, and Vince White.

For more information about the campaign, please call Laura Lang, Vice President of Development, at 405-600-3155.

## Faces of Hope Campaign Donors

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