

# ASHLAND EMERGENCY FOOD BANK



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## A Cornerstone of our Community

For more than forty five years, the Ashland Emergency Food Bank (AEFB) has provided food to residents of Ashland and Talent and the surrounding rural areas. This work is sustained by generous support from our local community and foundation grants. AEFB receives no government funding.

The need in our community increases year over year. Now AEFB is in need of additional storage space to store the food we distribute. Our Board of Directors has initiated a capital campaign to construct a storage building on our property.

We invite you to join in this effort. If you agree we provide an essential community service to those in need, please consider participating in growing our capital fund.

## Meeting the Need

AEFB has been experiencing growth in the number of households we serve each year. We now serve 700 households a month with a 2-3 day supply of food. This feeds 2,000 people in our community, 30% of those are children under the age of 18. We distribute over 40,000 lbs. of food a month to those in need.

Due to the generosity of our community and the individuals who participate in the Ashland Food Project (AFP), AEFB is now in a position where we need additional storage space to hold that food for our clients. We have a collaborative relationship with the AFP. All of those wonderful green bags folks put out on their doorstep is delivered here to AEFB. Our community is very generous and on food drive days we run out of space to store the non-perishable donations that come to us every other month. With our client numbers growing significantly, we are so appreciative that the AFP is also growing their donor base which aligns with the increase in demand. Over one-third of Ashland households participate in the green bag program. With the amount of food the AFP folks are bringing in (Thank you!) we just don't have enough space!

Ashland Emergency Food Bank and Ashland Food Project (AFP) have developed an important collaborative partnership over the last 10 years. The success of the AFP collecting more and more donors has resulted in the Ashland Emergency Food Bank in need of more space to store that needed, generous, regular giving by the community.



Brad Galusha  
 Chair, AFP Steering Committee

*“Ensuring that families have their basic needs met is a fundamental act of compassion and a reflection of our shared values. AEFB radiates the joy and goodwill created when neighbors come together to take care of each other.”*

State Representative  
 Pam Marsh



Paula Silverberg

*In addition to serving those who come to us in need, we distribute food to other community organizations such as Uncle Foods Diner, the Maslow Project, and the Ashland Senior Center.*

*Volunteers are  
the heart and soul  
of the food bank.*



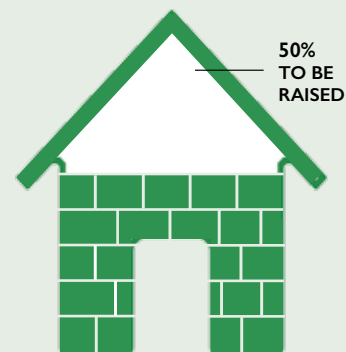
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*Thank you for all your  
hard work and for feeding  
us in our time of need.  
~Food Bank Shopper~*

## Your Contributions Build Solutions

As food needs in our city grow, AEFB is now looking at ways to efficiently buy, receive, and store food in pallet-sized quantities.

We're planning to build a new structure, just outside our current building, with a roll-up garage door and room for shelving where we can store pallets of food. This will allow us to accept donations from local companies without having to repackage and, perhaps more importantly, we will be able to buy non-perishable items such as canned soup in large quantities, saving money and volunteer staff time. Our indoor storage isn't set up for pallets, and our volunteers can't access things that are stacked too high. The new storage structure will add an additional 400 sq. feet of storage space where we can safely move and shelf food. It's an exciting project!



50% COMMITTED AS OF 5/15/19

### Meeting the Need -One block at a time.

Our campaign goal is to raise \$100,000 to construct this new storage building. This amount includes things like permits, the industrial shelving, and small pallet jack.

**Community Open House**  
Saturday, May 18, 2-5pm  
Ashland Emergency Food Bank  
560 Clover Lane, Ashland

Join us for snacks, beverages, and live music. Come and see where our new building will be located and be a part of **Meeting the Need**.



**Yes!** I'll support the Ashland Emergency Food Bank Capital Campaign to build additional storage space and help **Meet the Need** in our community.

Enclosed is my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

You can also make your contribution through our website at: [www.ashlandemergencyfoodbank.org](http://www.ashlandemergencyfoodbank.org).  
Just put a note on your donation to direct it to the Capital Campaign Fund.

**MISSION STATEMENT** Local faith groups, in alliance with the community at large, will provide emergency food supplies, without charge, to individuals and families in the Ashland/Talent area who would otherwise go hungry and will also endeavor to increase awareness about the problem of hunger in our communities. • Ashland Emergency Food Bank relies solely on donations of food and money from local individuals, faith groups, businesses, and service organizations as well as grants from private foundations. • We are a private, independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.