

## WHY DO WE NEED A NEW BUILDING FOR THE FOOD PANTRY?

### • TOO SMALL

*The current 4500 square ft. building (including basement), which has housed the Food Pantry since 1982, is too small to meet the needs of the Food Pantry. Every square inch from the second floor to the musty basement is being used, and the Food Pantry is bursting at the seams.*

### • INACCESSIBILITY

*The upstairs clothing rooms are inaccessible to clients with physical disabilities.*

### • NO PRIVACY

*There is no privacy for clients meeting with staff members.*

### • HAZARDOUS

*Carrying meat bundles to and from the basement freezers is hazardous on the narrow staircase.*

### • INADEQUATE SPACE

*At present, the food pantry must **turn down** some offers of larger quantities of food because of inadequate refrigeration and freezer space.*

### • INCONVENIENT STORAGE

*The location of storage areas and freezers are inconvenient.*

### • LACK OF SPACE

*Future expansion of services, such as offering a free meal program, is not possible due to the lack of space.*

**“I think that the Food Pantry needs a new building because elderly people and handicapped cannot use the steps.”**

*-- a Food Pantry client stated.*

# GENESEO FOOD PANTRY

The Christian mission of the Geneseo Food Pantry is to provide food, clothing and short-term emergency assistance for families and individuals residing in Geneseo (61254) or Atkinson (61235) zip code areas.

The Geneseo Food Pantry was established as a community ministry at Grace United Methodist Church in January, 1982.

The ministry moved to First Presbyterian Church in August, 1983, and moved to the current facility, which was purchased by the Geneseo Ministerial Association in May, 1989.

The Geneseo Food Pantry is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Your contributions are tax deductible.

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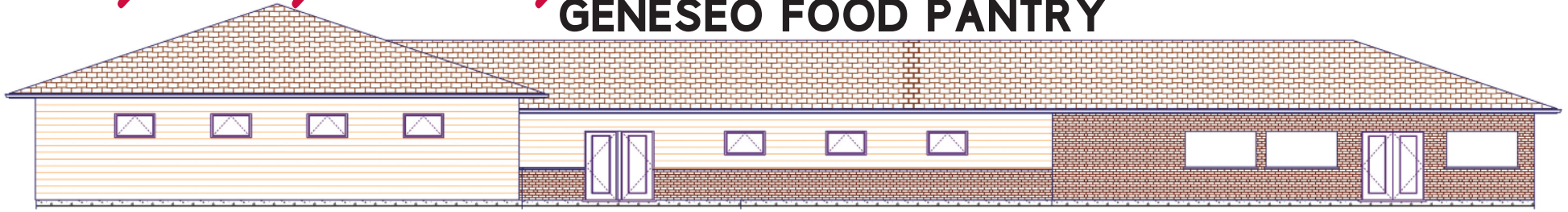
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## **GENESEO FOOD PANTRY**



### **THE NEW FOOD PANTRY BUILDING WILL...**

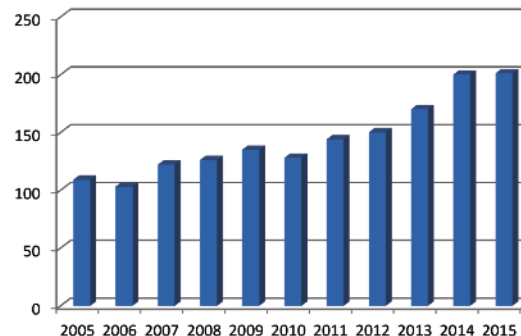
- Continue to provide food, clothing, household items, and short-term emergency assistance for families and individuals in the Geneseo and Atkinson areas.
- Meet the long term needs of the clients.
- Be fully accessible to people of all abilities.
- Include extra storage space and walk-in freezers.
- Include commercial washer and dryer to prepare clothing and bedding.
- Provide a private space for clients who meet with Food Pantry staff members.
- Ideally have separate entrances for clients and donors.
- Include space for future expansion of services, such as a free lunch program.

*Local construction experts, Chuck Kibler and Gene Stees are leading the building committee. The plan is to add approximately 7,056 square feet to the existing convenience store structure.*



### **INCREASING NEED**

*The number of individuals served by the Geneseo Food Pantry has nearly doubled in ten years, and is expected to continue to grow.*



### **WHAT IS THE TIMELINE FOR THE BUILDING ADDITION?**

- All pledges turned in by January 2017
- Design finalized and bids taken January-March 2017
- Groundbreaking Spring 2017
- Building will be finished in approximately nine months

### **HOW WILL A NEW BUILDING BE FUNDED?**

There is a carefully developed plan to pay for the new Food Pantry building which includes:

- Grants
- Business and corporate donations
- Local church support
- Community organizations donations
- Individual donations

*Pledges may be made for up to three years.*

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