

March 4, 2011

Laurie Bitter  
President  
The Rotary Club of Elgin  
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Dear Laurie and Rotarians,

Thank you for your **donation of \$600.00 (check #1329) in support of Feeding Greater Elgin**. Your support for sponsorship of a Mobile Food Pantry is greatly appreciated and will be utilized to provide food assistance to hungry families in Elgin.

Feeding Greater Elgin offers an innovative approach in providing hungry people with improved access to more food. Serving as one centralized resource for food acquisition and distribution, Feeding Greater Elgin will be **collaborative, client friendly, and cost effective**. Existing food pantries that would like to consolidate and other volunteer organizations will have the opportunity to partner as "hosts" for food distribution. Practicing the client choice model with expanded hours of operation, Feeding Greater Elgin will provide timely food assistance in a dignified manner.

Feeding Greater Elgin is **building a strong organization** that includes a diverse Board of Directors, a paid Executive Director, and a plan for immediate food distribution while continuing its search for a location site.

Realizing that hunger has reached a critical level, Feeding Greater Elgin in partnership with Northern Illinois Food Bank and School District U-46 is utilizing **Mobile Pantries as an interim solution**. A Mobile Pantry is a "traveling food pantry" that delivers nutritious food directly to people in need of food assistance. Feeding Greater Elgin has hosted food distributions at two sites - Washington and Channing Elementary Schools in Elgin.

The schools identified kids who were at high risk of hunger and communicated with the families. Thirty volunteers provided hands on support for food distribution. The outcome was immediate - approximately 150 families received food in a two hour timeframe.

Additional Mobile Pantry sites are being scheduled during March and April. We are happy that the Rotary Club of Elgin can be a sponsor and have the opportunity to volunteer.

We will keep you updated on our progress and welcome your comments or questions. As a **Founding Partner**, you will be **permanently recognized** with similar donors in our new facility.

Your generous support and commitment to a collaborative client choice approach will **deeply resonate in the lives of struggling families** with not only food, but hope for a better tomorrow.

Sincerely,

*Susan Ericson*  
Susan Ericson  
Executive Director

*Laurie,  
It was a pleasure  
meeting you and presenting  
at the February meeting.  
I hope we can recruit  
Rotarians for upcoming  
Mobile pantries as well  
as the students at High  
South Elgin School.  
Thanks,  
Sue*



## Feeding Greater Elgin

Working together to provide food security  
for the people of greater Elgin

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