

October 31, 2016

Dear Friends,

Hope this note finds you well. There have been a lot of goings on with the Haymarket Regional Food Pantry and I wanted to provide a quick update as well as ask for your help as we transition to a new location.

First and foremost, the Relocation Committee, under the leadership of Jim Kennedy, has been busy trying to find us a new location as our lease with the City ends on December 31st. We have been gifted some land on Route 15 by the Gainesville RURITAN Club but it will take some time – and some fundraising to get permits, clear the land and build our permanent home. We have meetings with the County in early December to discuss our plans – cross your fingers it all goes well.

In the interim we are going to move to another space in town. The address is: 6611 Jefferson Street where we will occupy the entire basement – a total of 3,000 square feet – that's triple our current square footage. 6611 Jefferson Street is directly behind the Pizzarama building at the Washington Street/Jefferson Street traffic light – across the street from The Very Thing. The basement is accessible from the back of the building.

We will make the move this Friday, November 4th and Saturday, November 5th. We will be closed on Saturday for normal business hours and open at the new location on Tuesday, November 8th.

How can you help?

- Come help us make the physical move on Friday – meet at the current location at 9 a.m.
- Come help us complete the move on Saturday – meet at the current location at 10 a.m.

We also need your help long term:

- When thinking through your end of year giving please remember us. We will be spending close to \$4,000 a month for the new property – that's about what we spend monthly on food.
- Help us fundraise – we desperately need to find consistent funding for the pantry.
- Help us with marketing – we always have things to do to promote our situation.
- Help us with church outreach – we will be asking our church partners to help us through this transitional time and need leadership in this area.
- Help us by volunteering your time – we have seen a marked decrease in our volunteer pool – we need volunteers to pick up food, stock food and hand out food.
- Help us with Grant writing – this is a great way to help us out without leaving your home.
- Please use the contact information on the website to let us know how you would like to help or send a note to [efsmith11@gmail.com](mailto:efsmith11@gmail.com).

As always, we could not be successful without your support. Thank you for all you do, and have done, to help the Food Pantry. We very much appreciate your continued assistance.

Sincerely,

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