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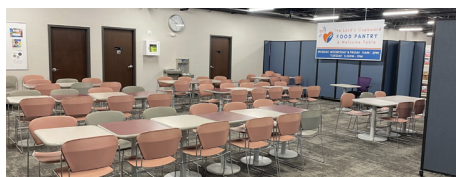


Lord's Cupboard: A New Chapter of Hope and Service



The Lord's Cupboard marked an important milestone on October 17th with the celebration of its new location at the NDR-funded Broadway Circle Complex. Since its beginnings in 1994 as a modest food pantry housed in an 8x10 storage room, it has evolved into a cornerstone of the Minot community. This new facility represents a significant expansion of its mission, blending food assistance with broader community services.

The grand opening was intentionally understated, offering attendees a guided walkthrough led by board members. These tours allowed visitors to explore the pantry's operations firsthand and learn how to get involved. Gerald Roise, one of the Lord's Cupboard Directors, reflected on the



event: "The turnout was great, with many community members expressing interest in volunteering. We've already seen a notable increase in support, with donations coming not just from Minot but from the broader region, including the Bakken Oilfields."

Expanding Services, Building Community

The new facility has had an immediate impact. The Lord's Cupboard now serves approximately 1,700 families monthly—a significant increase from previous figures. While the exact cause of this rise is unclear, Gerald believes the grand opening has raised awareness.

The additional space and resources have also allowed the Lord's Cupboard to introduce a new Welcome Table, a soup kitchen. Operating on Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon, the Welcome Table kitchen provides

a warm meal for those in need. Pantry services continue Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with extended hours on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Looking ahead, the team plans to cautiously expand the soup kitchen's offerings. "We're focused on complementing, not duplicating, other local services. If one organization provides lunch, we'll aim for dinner or brunch," Gerald explains. "Collaboration, not competition, is the goal."

Rooted in Community

The Lord's Cupboard's rural garden near Velva has become another vital part of its mission. Volunteers tend the raised garden beds, and the fresh produce harvested is shared with the clients. This effort underscores the pantry's commitment to addressing nutritional needs while fostering a spirit of generosity and sustainability.

As the Lord's Cupboard moves forward, its leaders and volunteers remain dedicated to adapting their services to meet evolving community needs. The new facility is not just a physical expansion but a testament to the power of resilience and partnership, paving the way for a stronger, more connected Minot.



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Acquisition Program

- Currently, the NDR Team is working to acquire the Park View mobile home park, which is needed for the flood project, as well as conducting appraisals for a new round of acquisitions. Overall, the City of Minot has acquired 231 properties to date: 91 properties using NDR-CDBG funds and 140 properties using State Water Commission Funds; 8 properties included in the 91 NDR properties were partially funded with State Water Commission funds. These properties are needed for on-going or upcoming flood mitigation projects.
- The demolition contract for 309 1st Ave NE was awarded earlier this year and work has started on the property. Overall, the City has demolished 169 properties, with 79 of those being funded by NDR-CDBG funds.

Affordable Housing

- Construction of the Broadway Circle 17-unit affordable housing complex continues; major progress has been made. Externally, siding installation has started and is about 80% complete. For the interior, electrical and plumbing rough-in work continues, and the elevator was installed in October. Sheetrock work on the second floor is ready to be textured; painting will start immediately after the texture is finished.

Family Homeless Shelter

- Construction of the Broadway Circle 6-unit Family Homeless Shelter is in its final stages. The fire alarm system is slated to be tested soon. Final plumbing, electric, and cabinetry work is being done. Substantial completion is estimated by December 16.

Completed Projects

- Blu on Broadway
- Milton Young Towers
- Park South Phases I & II
- Souris Heights
- Resilient Homebuyer Program
- Center for Technical Education
- City Hall Relocation
- Economic Resilience Strategic Plan
- Souris River Decision Support Tool
- Benefit Cost Analysis and IMPLAN Economic Model
- Funding and Financing Strategies Plan
- Affordable Housing Neighborhood Master Plan
- Affordable Housing Supply & Demand Study

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Reduce Flood Risk/

Improve Water Management

A. Buyouts / Acquisitions/

Demolitions / Relocations

- a. Total NDR Funds Budgeted - \$21,086,018
- b. Spent to Date - \$21,077,707

Build Affordable Resilient Neighborhoods

A. Multi-Family Affordable Housing

- a. Total Budget - \$26,839,611
- b. Spent to Date - \$26,346,498

B. Single-Family Affordable Housing

- a. Total Budget - \$6,296,429
- b. Spent to Date - \$6,179,365

C. Family Shelter

- a. Total Budget - \$4,310,569
- b. Spent to Date - \$3,592,794

Foster Economic Resilience and Diversification

A. Center for Technical Education

- a. Total Budget - \$3,540,000
- b. Spent to Date - \$3,461,223

B. Relocate City Hall

- a. Total Budget - \$8,222,593
- b. Spent to Date - \$7,526,965

Planning

- a. Total Budget - \$1,604,796
- b. Spent to Date - \$1,258,275

Administration

- a. Total Budget - \$2,965,450
- b. Spent to Date - \$2,798,227

Total Budget – \$74,865,467

Total Drawdown –\$72,241,055