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FOOD BANK OF NORTH ALABAMA

Growing To Meet the Need

Even before COVID-19 swept in during the spring of 2020, the Food Bank of North Alabama was looking at how to best meet the growing need in our 11-county service area.

The pandemic, of course, brought a new wave of economic hardship to millions of people. In North Alabama, we have seen the need for food grow in every county of our coverage area. This just further crystalized our need to expand.

In Madison, the Food Bank has rented a new warehouse we're calling the Madison Annex, and in Florence, a space we're calling the Shoals Branch.

The Food Bank already has hosted the monthly Shoals Drop at its new location in Florence, and once fully operational, the location will serve feeding partners in the Colbert, Franklin, and Lauderdale counties, as well as some agencies in Lawrence and Limestone. The new location will prevent many of them from having to make regular three or four hour trips to Huntsville. The Food Bank's feeding partner agencies in the Shoals will spend less time procuring food and more time feeding the people they serve.

The Shoals Branch will also mean the Food Bank will be better equipped to grow their network of feeding partners in northwest Alabama and provide more direct service programs in the Shoals, such as mobile pantries.

The Shoals Branch also will free up transportation resources for the Food Bank, which then will be refocused toward better meeting the needs in the eastern part of North Alabama, including DeKalb, Jackson, and Marshall counties.

The Food Bank isn't currently expecting to use the Madison Annex for regular distributions, rather it will be used to increase storage capacity and ease logistics. The new warehouse space will provide flexibility, allowing the Food Bank to accept and move a greater amount of food. (continued on page 4)

Florence warehouse





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Food moves fast at the Food Bank of North Alabama. It's rare that anything – even shelf stable items – is kept for over a month or two before it's in the hands of partner food pantries or directly to someone facing food insecurity. However, the Food Bank's previous space limitations meant some opportunities for large food donations from Federal programs had to be turned down. With the new space, the Food Bank will be able to have the flexibility to accept more donations and move more food strategically to underserved areas.

Overall this is necessary growth for the Food Bank of North Alabama, which has been at its current location since the 1990s and has begun to outgrow that space.

While the Food Bank set records throughout 2020 with the amount of food distributed – averaging over 1 million pounds of food every month since March – we still are unable to reach everyone who is experiencing food insecurity. However, with these expansions, the Food Bank expects to be closer than ever to accomplishing that goal.

