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The FOOD Pantry Serving Waukesha County is excited to present the following proposal to the City of Waukesha to relocate to 1705 S Prairie Ave. The existing 20,750 sf building will be renovated to better serve our community and increase our ability to provide food, hope, and dignity to those in need.

The Pantry currently operates out of a leased 13,000 sf building that can no longer meet the organization's growing operational needs. Over the past three years, demand for The Pantry's services has doubled, straining both capacity and safety at the existing 1301 Sentry Drive location. Parking overflow now extends into the busy street, creating safety concerns for clients and volunteers. The warehouse also lacks a functional loading dock, limiting the ability to receive large food deliveries efficiently. In addition, storage space and client areas have become insufficient to accommodate the expanding volume of donations and visitors. The proposed move to 1705 S Prairie Avenue offers a valuable opportunity to address these challenges, creating a safer, more functional, and welcoming home that supports The Pantry's continued growth and mission to serve the community.

The proposed project will transform the existing 20,750 sf warehouse into a vibrant new home for The Pantry. The renovated facility will feature a welcoming client check-in area, dedicated staff offices, and a bright, organized client services space where volunteers distribute food and supplies. Additional areas will include volunteer workspaces where they prepare donated items, staff offices, and ample warehouse storage to increase the ability to receive and distribute donations.

The building's exterior will be redesigned to reflect The Pantry's warm and positive mission, with a new entry storefront and canopy, additional windows to bring in natural light, repaired and refreshed siding, and a fresh coat of paint. Site improvements will expand parking to better accommodate clients, volunteers, and staff, complete with code-compliant lighting for safety. Finally, new landscaping will enhance the grounds, softening the parking areas for the neighboring community, and creating an inviting, cheerful environment for all who visit.

The FOOD Pantry Serving Waukesha County is a crucial community asset directly aligned with the City of Waukesha's priorities for health, welfare, and neighbor support. With the planned facility and operational improvements, we are well-positioned to expand our impact, enhance service efficiency, maintain neighborhood compatibility, and help move the vision of a hunger-free Waukesha County closer to reality. Thank you for considering our proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

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The FOOD Pantry Serving Waukesha County

Ending hunger starts here.