



CHARLES CITY, VIRGINIA

Promise Land Storehouse is a non-profit food pantry, market garden and Blessing Box and is a partner agency with Feed More and Feeding America, serving those most in need without bias in Charles City County and beyond. The pantry has partnered with the Chickahominy Indian Tribe to leverage collective assets to better meet community needs, and anticipate patient needs of native Indians who will be patients of the Indian health clinic under construction adjacent to the pantry.

The pantry serves a minority community, 204 square miles without a single grocery store. It strives to provide locally-sourced, fresh, organic food and promote customer choice, serving approximately 20% of the local community's population.

The pantry provides customer choice shopping; partners with the local health clinic to serve patients who are uninsured and/or low-income; delivers groceries to the elderly and people with disabilities; provides food cupboards in higher volume, remote areas of the community; and supports the Title 1 public school's weekend feeding program. PLS market garden grows its own year-around organic produce to supplement the food it purchases and what is donated. Its sister company, Promise Land Pastures, raises chickens to provide fresh eggs and bee-keeps for fresh honey.

The pantry operates seven days a week and largely depends on donations from other communities because food resources are practically non-existent in Charles City County.

We are seeking \$300,000 in much needed building improvements.

The food pantry is approximately 7,000 S.F. and is located in an older, unimproved warehouse owned by the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, a nationally recognized tribe. The pantry is adjacent to the new 30,000 s.f. mid-Atlantic Regional Indian Health Clinic planned to open in the spring of 2024. (This project is funded by the U.S. DHHS - Indian Health Services.) Cold winter temperatures allow the pantry to operate in this space, but by mid-April, the metal building will become hot. Plans are in place for a complete renovation to create a storefront for customer choice shopping and separate inventory, warehousing and loading bay areas at a cost of \$300,000.

The pantry is fully equipped with walk-in freezer and refrigeration storage, shelving, and numerous commercial glass door cold storage units for shopping. It also has equipment for moving inventory to include rolling carts, pallet jack and fork-lift. The pantry also has a transit van for daily pick-up of donations.

For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact Jackie Stewart, Executive Director at 804-380-8301.