

Introducing Northwest Harvest Food Bank Lockers

A new way for the food insecure to get access to food.

—Northwest Harvest launches its first specialized food lockers at the Cherry Street Food Bank to deliver nutritious foods 24/7 to those in need.

May 20th, 2019 — Today Northwest Harvest announced the launch of a new point of access to nutritious food for those who do not have time or money for grocery shopping. The solution is intended to help the food insecure population of King County in Washington and relieve their concerns of feeding their families and staying healthy.

In June of 2019 Northwest Harvest will implement a system of refrigerated storage lockers starting with the Cherry Street food bank and then expanding to all food banks within the Northwest Harvest Network. They will be stocked with grocery bags filled with either grain-heavy, veggie-heavy, meat-heavy, poultry-heavy, or fish-heavy nutritional foods and easy-to-follow recipes.

“1 in 8 Washingtonians did not get enough food to meet their basic nutritional needs. The majority of those working age Washingtonians who live in poverty are actively working or looking for work. The goal is to make sure that they can keep looking for work and have access to food.”

—Liz Moisan, Chief of Operations - Northwest Harvest

The lockers will be located right outside the participating food banks and will provide a 24/7 hour solution to those who work full time and can't get to the food bank during its working hours. Those in need can simply drive up to the food locker and grab their groceries for the week.

Late at night, odd hours, or when there's no time to stand in line, food insecure can press a pre-approved key code on the locker and gain access to fresh produce, canned goods, whole grains and meat, so they can conveniently feed themselves and their family.

“What a great idea! I'm a single mom working two part-time jobs and never really have time to get to my local food bank not to mention stand in a huge line. We really struggle with getting food for our family and these lockers will make my life so much easier. No more worries about making it on time for work or leaving my children hungry. I can simply pick up the food I signed up for after work - it's that convenient!” - Julia, 32.

Visit your local food bank to sign up for a personalized food locker with 24 hour access to nutritious food, or go to **www.northwestharvest.org** to do it online. For information on how to donate to our cause, please visit **<https://www.northwestharvest.org/donate>**.