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WOODFORD COUNTY FOOD PANTRY ANNOUNCES NEW LOCATION

Versailles, KY March 7, 2014 – At its January board meeting, the Hope Ministries Food Pantry announced that their new building will be located at 20 Field of Dreams Road, Versailles, KY. The current Food Pantry has to be relocated to its new location by May 31, 2014. The new Food Pantry/Warehouse will be a 4,480 sq. ft. facility.

The Food Pantry has been in existence for 21 years and is designed to assist low income families with emergency food rather than ongoing support. Participants may use the pantry up to six times per year. Participants may come to the food pantry every month for government commodities. The Food Pantry is also designed to assist any family with emergency food as the result of a catastrophic event regardless of income status. The figures for 2013 have shown 248 new clients to the Food Pantry. There are larger families than in previous years and the clients report loss of jobs and low paying jobs as factors.

The need for food assistance remains high in Kentucky. Throughout its history, the Hope Ministries Food Pantry has served thousands of families and individuals who have needed the assistance and food security. Below are the numbers for the past 3 years.

Food Pantry Statistics			
	2011	2012	2013
Number of Families	2624	3694	3865
Number of Individuals	4985	7704	8563
Days of Operation	142	122	117

In order to complete construction of the Food Pantry, more donations are needed. Thus far, Hope Ministries has received \$100,000 in contributions and donations. The total projected cost of relocation is \$300,000. If you desire to make a monetary or in-kind donation, please mail it to **Hope Ministries Food Pantry, Building Fund, P.O. Box 1066, Versailles, KY 40383.**

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