

Share Food.



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April 29, 2021

The Honorable Sam Graves
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Representative Graves,

The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri is a regional hunger-relief network that distributes approximately 30 million pounds of food per year, serving 100,000 individuals within 32 counties. We distribute food to 140+ partner agencies and operate targeted programs for seniors, veterans and children.

Douglass Community Center and The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri have maintained an outstanding working relationship since 1998. The Douglass Community Center is a key partner for us in Marion and Ralls County as they distributed over 518,000 pounds of food to residents in their county at no charge in 2020. This represents a 48% increase in distributed food when compared to 2019. On average, they serve more than 1,000 individuals each month. Further, the Douglass Community Center continues to grow and work to provide a greater quantity and quality of nutritious foods for their clients.

Food distribution takes space and equipment. Their efforts to expand their facility will allow the organization to keep pace with the increase they are seeing within Marion and Ralls counties. We support the mission of the Douglass Community Center and recognize the important role they serve in addressing food insecurity in their community.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

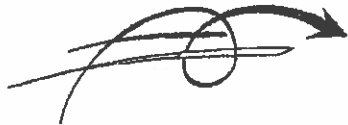
Sincerely,

Lindsay Lopez
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4-28-2021

Dear Representative Graves:

I am writing to support Douglas Community Services in their proposal to expand the 711 Grand facility to become a single-point, community service center for low -income families in Northeast Missouri.

We believe the facility expansion will greatly benefit our community. We are happy to engage in collaborative work with Douglas Community Services and support their mission.

Thanks for your support.

Sincerely,

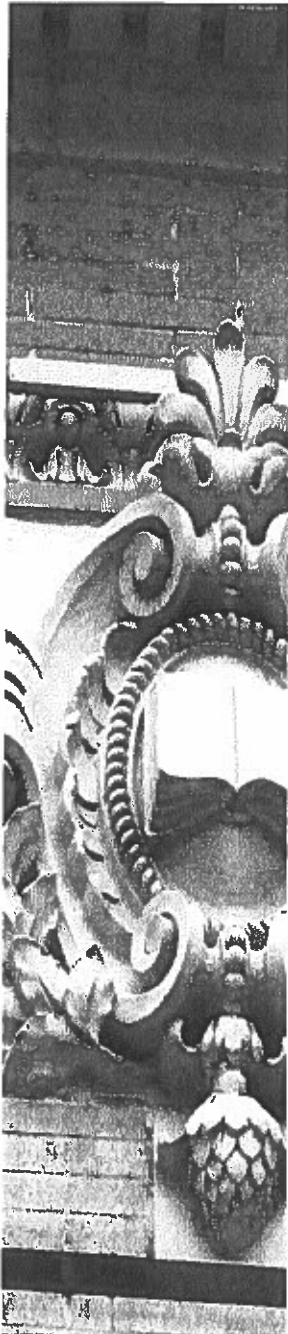
Wendy Hays
Executive Director



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Dear Representative Graves:

I write on behalf of Douglass Community Services in support of the proposal to expand the 711 Grand facility to become a single-point, community service center for low-income families in Northeast Missouri. Having a centralized center in the Grand Street location makes sense to me, but the current facility is too small to accommodate all the needs.

Hannibal Free Public Library interacts with Douglass Community Services through several of its programs, including Head Start, Kids in Motion, and the Nifty Thrifty clothing store. Through our collaborative work with Douglass Community Services, I believe the 711 Grand expansion will benefit our community by

- Continuing to offer, and perhaps expanding, administrative space for HeadStart, Kids in Motion, CASA, and its other services
- Continuing to offer meeting space for groups such as CORA
- Again offering a centralized location for the Library (and others) to give lost and found garments which can be sold through the Nifty Thrifty clothing store
- Providing a centralized location for a myriad of other services

Thank you for considering the benefits to Northeast Missouri through funding this project.

Cordially,

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April 28, 2021

Dear Representative Graves:

I write on behalf of Douglass Community Services in support of its proposal to expand the 711 Grand facility in order to move all of their community services for low-income families in Northeast Missouri back to one location.

Through our collaborative work with Douglass Community Services, we believe the 711 Grand expansion will benefit our community by providing needed social services, food programs, youth programs, utility and rental assistance programs for which they offer to one location. This will benefit the many clients they serve by making services more efficient and convenient.

Thank you for considering the benefits to Northeast Missouri through funding this project.

Sincerely,

Tom Dugger
Executive Director

Claire Robinson
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Dear Representative Graves:

I write on behalf of Douglass Community Services in support of its proposal to expand the 711 Grand facility to become a single-point, community service center for low-income families in Northeast Missouri.

Through our collaborative work with Douglass Community Services, we believe the 711 Grand expansion will benefit our community by providing a central location close to the downtown area where they are able to access valuable and needed resources. The Northeast Missouri Workforce Development Board works with partners all over the region and state to develop resources for low-income people to assist them in changing their path for the better. Douglass Community Services has always been at the forefront of projects to assist the families in Northeast Missouri and is a valuable asset. The NEMO Workforce Development Board will collaborate in any way they are able to bring this project to fruition.

Thank you for considering the benefits to Northeast Missouri through funding this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Simbro".

Diane Simbro
Executive Director



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Dear Representative Graves:

I write on behalf of Douglass Community Services in support of the its proposal to expand the 711 Grand facility to become a single-point, community service center for low-income families in Northeast Missouri.

Through our collaborative work with Douglass Community Services, we believe the 711 Grand expansion will benefit our community by having all our programs available to those in need of assistance under one roof.

Thank you for considering the benefits to Northeast Missouri through funding this project.

Sincerely,

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Through our collaborative work with Douglass Community Services, we believe the 711 Grand expansion will benefit our community by continuing to help feed the growing number of community members who can't afford to eat regular meals each day. The pharmacy that I own is next door on Grand Avenue and I regularly see the number of vehicles pass through their parking lot collecting food. I have witnessed the growth of their programs working close by the past eleven years. I have had many dealings with the leadership at Douglass and I am confident the federal assistance you will help support for the growth of their services will absolutely be put to efficient use.

Thank you for considering the benefits to Northeast Missouri through funding this project.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Greg Gilmore R.Ph.".

Greg Gilmore, R.Ph.
Owner



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I write on behalf of Douglass Community Services in support of the its proposal to expand the 711 Grand facility to become a single-point, community service center for low-income families in Northeast Missouri.

Through our collaborative work with Douglass Community Services, we believe the 711 Grand expansion will benefit the Hannibal community by establishing a centralized location thus reducing the time, effort, and coordination required to access important services that can reduce hunger, improve nutrition and keep families safe in their homes. Feeling safe and having a full stomach helps children, adults and elderly live a happy and healthy life within the community.

Thank you for considering the benefits to Northeast Missouri through funding this project.

Sidney Everhart
Coordinator