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The Food Bank for Westchester, which has been based in Millwood for at least a decade, has signed a long-term lease on a 37,000 sq. ft. warehouse and office space in Elmsford. The new facility is nearly three times larger than the current headquarters and will enable the Food Bank to triple its food-distribution capacity. The new site is located at 200 Clearbrook Road, Elmsford, NY 10523, just off Grasslands Road between Route 9A/North Saw Mill River Road and Knollwood Road.

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The planned move comes as demand for emergency food is rising dramatically. More than 200,000 people in Westchester County are hungry or at risk of hunger, says the Food Bank. Nearly half of them are seniors; approximately one-third of them are children. The Food Bank, which has been fighting hunger for 23 years, has seen the demand for emergency food continue to grow. Last year, there was a 30% increase in demand, and the Food Bank distributed seven million pounds of food – a million pounds more than the year before and two million pounds more than the year before that!

As demand has escalated, the Food Bank's Millwood warehouse has been bursting, causing logistic problems and the undesirable need to turn away food donations. The Food Bank has been searching for a larger space in Westchester for several years. The new Elmsford warehouse will allow the Food Bank to expand emergency hunger-relief services immediately and well into the future. Credit for forging the deal on the new Elmsford site goes to Food Bank Board President Rick Rakow, of Rakow Commercial Realty Group.

The Food Bank will move from its current Millwood location once reconstruction and installations are completed at the new facility. Installations include a 5,000 sq. ft. freezer, a 2,000 sq. ft. refrigerator, warehouse racking and a clean room for food repacking. Relocation of the warehouse operations and administration offices is expected to take place in late October or November 2011.

The Food Bank for Westchester, one of eight food banks in New York State, acquires, warehouses and distributes more than seven million pounds of food annually to over 200 local hunger-relief organizations, including food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, day care and senior centers.

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