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# Food Bank for Westchester will move to Elmsford, more than double capacity

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"Then, unfortunately, the recession hit and it got a lot of press," he said. "People started to understand."

The Food Bank will be starting a capital campaign to pay for fitting out the new space, which is expected to cost about \$1.5 million. The annual operating budget is \$4.5 million. The Food Bank buys about half of its food, a third is donated and the USDA provides the rest.

The soup kitchens and food pantries in turn buy from the Food Bank at low prices.

"We're hoping that this new move will allow the Food Bank to get some more of the basics," said Carole Troum of Hope Community Services in New Rochelle.

Hope's pantry, which distributes 700 bags of food every other week, has a chronic shortage of items such as cereal. Three years ago...

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Hope is seeing more children and families, Troum said, and "more people who have never needed to access services before. Sometimes you can't tell who's a volunteer and who's a client."

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