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Food Bank for Westchester Launches Grant Campaign to Raise Money for Move

The Food Bank for Westchester will be moving from Millwood to Elmsford this fall.

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A major donor is offering up to \$750,000 in matching donations to help pay for the Food Bank for Westchester's renovation of its new building in Elmsford, which it will move into [this fall](#).

Patricia Lanza, Scarsdale, along with her family, are launching The Lanza Challenge, which began on Aug. 1 and will run until Jan. 1, 2012. The campaign is part of the food bank's efforts to make a broader, \$1.5 million goal.

"It's really to renovate and get us into the new building," Communications Manager Jeanne Wilcox said about the fundraiser's purpose.

Notable costs for the move include renovating the space, such as setting up refrigeration and installing racks, according to Wilcox.

Although the total cost is \$2.2 million, only \$1.5 million is needed because the food bank already has \$700,000 in savings for the renovations.

The food bank, which was founded in 1988 and has been in Millwood since 1993, is moving to the 37,000 square-foot Elmsford building in order to have more storage space amid rising demand. The Millwood location is just 10,000 square feet, which the food bank states is not enough space. Last year, the food bank distributed 7,117,737 pounds of food, although a goal is to up the number to 20,702,917 pounds, based on estimated demand.

There will be several naming opportunities and capital gift opportunities for the fundraising (see the attached PDF for details) the food bank announced.

Editor's Note: We have replaced the PDF files for gift opportunities and the floor plan of the new headquarters with more up-to-date versions.

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