

## Land Acquired for New Food Bank Building

Plans for a new food bank building have taken a giant step forward with the purchase of a two acre tract of land at the corner of Hill County Road 2124 and Sims Dr. Lake Whitney Ministerial Alliance identified the need to replace the current Our Daily Bread building which houses the food bank and other benevolence agencies because of a 40% increase in volume of services provided over the past few years.

In 2013, Our Daily Bread food bank supplied families with food and dry goods over 3,000 times, while benevolence agencies supplied help in other ways such as gas money to get to the doctor, school supplies and Angel Tree donations. Our Daily Bread strives to meet the needs of area residents who have trouble making ends meet, whether it is month to month assistance or just a helping hand for a month or two while they get back on their feet.

The new building project team has a long term vision for service to this community which includes present needs delivered by Our Daily Bread Food Bank and allows for expanded services in the future. The new building will almost double the space for storage of food and dry goods, freezers, prep tables, reception and interview desks, and food bank and benevolence offices. There will also be space for short term operations such as the annual Food for Families drive every November, the school supply program in August, and the Angel Tree Clothing and Gifts and Christmas Meal Boxes distribution in December. The property will have sufficient parking and be able to accommodate large delivery vehicles.

Our Daily Bread is supported by contributions and is fully staffed and managed by volunteers. Past successes in serving people in need could not have been possible without the generous, ongoing involvement of this community. On behalf of the food bank team, the Ministerial Alliance and the many needy children and families in our area, we thank you for your consideration to make a difference and to position our community to help our neighbors for many years to come.

We are asking for your help to complete this mission for our community by sending a tax-deductible donation to Lake Whitney Ministerial Alliance, PO Box 1502, Whitney, TX 76692.

Be sure to make a notation on the check for "Food Bank Building Fund."