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NORTHWEST HARVEST FINDS HOME FOR NEW SEATTLE FOOD BANK

After 35 years in First Hill – Cherry Street Food Bank will move to SODO neighborhood

(Seattle, WA – September 26, 2018) After an exhaustive search, Northwest Harvest, Washington's leading hunger relief agency, has reached an agreement on a new home for its Seattle food bank.

Here are a few details:

- The new location will be at **1915 4th Ave. S.** located near the southwest corner of 4th Ave. S. and Holgate St. in the SODO neighborhood.
- This location provides great access to public transportation, is situated on level ground, and has room to improve and expand services.
- The current Cherry Street Food Bank <u>must be vacated</u> by no later than February 28, 2019.
- Northwest Harvest plans on opening the new location no later than mid-spring of 2019.
 Northwest Harvest is actively exploring many options to best minimize any service disruption that may occur between the closing of Cherry Street and the opening of the new SODO location.
- Cherry Street Food Bank welcomes up to 5,000 people each week making it the busiest food bank in the state of Washington.
- The new location will be built and designed to feel and function more like a neighborhood market and less like a traditional food bank allowing community members to have the freedom to choose from a wide variety of nutritious, culturally appropriate foods.
- Northwest Harvest will continue to update all constituents as the moving process progresses.

If you would like more information or would like to request an interview with Northwest Harvest CEO, Thomas Reynolds, please contact Northwest Harvest Communications Director, Jordan Rubin, at jordan@northwestharvest.org or 206.923.7426.

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About Northwest Harvest

Northwest Harvest is Washington's leading hunger relief agency – supporting a statewide network of 375 food banks, meal programs, and high-need schools. Focused on improving equity in our food system, Northwest Harvest believes everyone in Washington should have consistent access to nutritious food that feeds the body, mind, and spirit. In addition to making sure those who suffer from hunger are being fed, Northwest Harvest aims to shift public opinion, as well as impact institutional policies and societal practices that perpetuate hunger, poverty, and disparities in our state.