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## NORTHWEST HARVEST RELOCATES ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Cherry Street Food Bank will NOT be moving locations at this time

(Seattle, WA – February 23, 2017) Northwest Harvest, Washington's largest independent provider of meals to those in need, has relocated their administrative offices to the downtown Seattle neighborhood of Belltown.

This move only affects the administrative offices, including the following departments: Development, Community Engagement, Accounting & Finance, IT Services, and Administrative Support. All departments related to the operations of Cherry Street Food Bank (located at 711 Cherry Street in Seattle's First Hill neighborhood) remain at their current location — assuring there will be no impact on those utilizing the services of the food bank.

This office location move, the first in nearly 35 years, finally allows the administrative team to work in one consolidated environment.

"We can now be much more efficient and productive while all under the same roof," says Shelley Rotondo, Northwest Harvest's Chief Executive Officer. "It's so great to have all this creative energy together for the first time."

Northwest Harvest's new administrative office location is located on the mezzanine level of Security House at 2225 Fourth Avenue. Security House is managed by Bellwether Housing, a provider of low-income and senior housing around Puget Sound.

Northwest Harvest has already begun looking for a future food bank location in Seattle. Rotondo adds, "Our vision is that we will redefine what a food bank looks like and how it runs. Seattle will be the home to a new social service hub – not only containing a new modern food bank, but offering the community many additional services that can radically improve the health and wellbeing of the thousands of clients we serve every day."

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## **ABOUT NORTHWEST HARVEST**

Northwest Harvest is Washington's home-grown food bank distributor. Each month, Northwest Harvest provides more than two million nutritious meals and supports a statewide network of more than 375 food banks, meal programs and high-need schools – focusing on consistent, nutritious, culturally-sensitive foods critical to body and mind. Throughout its 50 years, Northwest Harvest has grown from a project of local activists to its position today as the leader in fighting hunger in the state of Washington.