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### **FEED SPOKANE FOOD RESCUE ACQUIRES DEDICATED DISTRIBUTION SPACE**

Spokane WA – In 2006 the idea percolated from the brainstorm of local humanitarian non-profits and concerned industry leaders to increase the quantity of nutritious food for those in need in our community. With support from SNAP, the Washington Hospitality Association, Spokane Regional Health Department and concerned volunteers, Feed Spokane joined the ranks of local 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations in 2007 and successfully rescued 7,239 pound of food from local restaurants that would have otherwise been thrown away. It was distributed to nine local area soup kitchens that feed meals for free to the food insecure in our community. The Feed Spokane coalition of meal sites has supported the work through volunteers, refrigerated storage space, and distribution assistance for more than a decade. Community support of an idea that just makes sense, has since seen rescued food volume increase to 52,071 pounds in the first quarter of 2019 and distributed to more than fifty five coalition partners who provide meals for free to those in need.

Greater Spokane County Meals on Wheels kitchen has been the site of regular Monday food distribution for many years. Their partnership has been invaluable to the effort and enabled Feed Spokane to effectively achieve their mission. Growth in volume of food rescued as well as the number of coalition partners receiving food is driving the need for the dedicated 1,370 square foot storage and distribution facility leased through Mountain Crest Commerce Center at 1114 N. Fancher Rd. Ste 109, Spokane Valley WA 99212. Jim Orcutt, NAI Black and Dan Cantu, Cantu Commercial Properties assisted with the transaction. Lambco Refrigeration assisted in erecting a 12'x15' walk in cooler freezer combination box in the space in early May. The walk-in box was in storage from Ferris High Schools' recent remodel, and purchased for a nominal fee. Donations for food and cooler shelving are being sought to finish preparing the space for regular storage and distribution of rescued food beginning in June.

Feed Spokane is grateful for everyone who has been involved over the years to help bring us to this point. Our passionate and engaged board of directors looks forward to continuing the fight against hunger through using locally rescued food and building sustainable partnerships with our caring and sharing community. For more information on our partners and work please check out our website: [www.feedspokane.org](http://www.feedspokane.org).