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NEW MARYLAND FOOD PANTRY SAVING 150,000 LBS OF FOOD FROM LANDFILLS A WEEK

The grand opening of one of the largest food pantries in Maryland

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On Saturday, July 22nd, So What Else (SWE) will be hosting the grand opening of their largest food pantry to date. The new facility now rescues over 150 tons of food weekly, to feed over 25,000 people a month, while providing access to clothing, furniture, and diapers, making it one of the most robust pantries in the state.

So What Else's mission is to improve the lives of children and families living in underserved communities in the Baltimore-Washington Metro Area by providing food security and access to basic necessities. SWE began its hunger relief program in 2020 in response to the pandemic and has served over 37 million meals in the years since. This all nearly changed when their previous home at the Lakeforest Mall was slated for redevelopment earlier this year.

"Instead of giving in, we met the challenge head-on, seeing our forced move as an opportunity to grow," says Executive Director Dave Silbert, "now we're rescuing more food and feeding more communities than ever before and I couldn't be more proud".

The Grand Opening will be held on July 22nd at 4924 Wyaconda Rd, North Bethesda, MD 20852 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will occur at 10:30 am, with remarks from State Delegate Julie Palakovich Carr and County Councilmembers Gabe Albornoz, Laurie-Anne Sayles, and Will Jawando. Refreshments will be provided by Mamma Lucia and Sardi's.

SWE is a 501(c)(3) organization that provides necessary food and resources. SWE collects donations of food, gently used clothing, furniture, and home goods 365 days a year. Visit sowhatelse.org for more information.