



## THE SASKATOON FOOD BANK & LEARNING CENTRE ANNOUNCES HISTORIC GIFT FROM NUTRIEN FOR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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The Saskatoon Food Bank & Learning Centre (SFBLC) announced a historic gift of \$2.5M from long-time partner, Nutrien Ltd. (Nutrien), for use towards a new home.

The SFBLC has purchased 425 Avenue P South to open a singular facility to better address hunger in this community and will embark on a capital campaign.

“Our main building is bursting at the seams and the logistics of operating the off-site clothing depot, warehouse, and garden patch drains resources. Generous donors, dedicated volunteers and staff have enabled the SFBLC to keep up with increased demand for services but we can no longer delay the need to find a new and functional home,” says **Laurie O’Connor, Executive Director of SFBLC.**

“At Nutrien, our focus is on feeding the future and our partnership with the Saskatoon Food Bank & Learning Centre is an important part of that commitment,” says **Candace Laing, Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer, Nutrien.** “We are pleased to be able to support the capital campaign for the SFBLC’s new home to help the organization continue its critical service to the Saskatoon community.”

“With this extraordinary gift from Nutrien, we can be confident that the campaign is off to a wonderful start and we extend our deepest gratitude. We are also thrilled to have Ms Laing join us in the capacity of Campaign Chair, providing volunteer leadership,” says **O’Connor.**

This is the SFBLC’s first capital campaign after beginning in the basement of St. Thomas Wesley United Church as a temporary project in 1983 before moving into its current building in 1990.

Detailed planning regarding the design and build is currently underway; the board and leadership team have set a budget of \$12M for the project. Nutrien’s \$2.5M contribution represents 20% of the goal and allows the organization to confidently move forward with the beginning stages of the campaign.

Nutrien’s historic contribution will be recognized through the inclusion of Nutrien’s name in the new facility’s title for 10 years and also as the campaign sponsor.

The SFBLC board and leadership team look forward to providing further information on their future home as well as campaign updates later this year to the public.

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