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The Storehouse of Collin County Changes Name to The Storehouse Community Center

A beacon of hope for neighbors throughout North Texas, The Storehouse's new name more accurately reflects the region served and the nonprofit's direction for the future



PLANO, TEXAS - May 17, 2024 - The Storehouse of Collin County announced that its name is changing to <u>The Storehouse Community Center</u>, effective immediately. The announcement was made on May 16 at the nonprofit's 15th anniversary celebration. During the last 15 years, The Storehouse has seen growth across a wider geographic area due to its strategic location at the intersection of Dallas, Collin, and Denton counties. The new name, The Storehouse Community Center, is a more accurate reflection of this unique hub where neighbors, regardless of zip code, may come for support, hope, and transformation.

At the time of its founding as the Seven Loaves food pantry in 2009, The Storehouse only served neighbors within a specific list of zip codes. Those restrictions were lifted in 2020 at the start of the pandemic, and since that time, the number of families throughout North Texas who seek assistance at The Storehouse has steadily increased. In 2023, 68% of those served at The Storehouse resided in the city of Dallas.

"While East, West, and South Dallas receive substantial support in the metroplex, we know from our neighbors that there is invisible poverty in North Dallas," said Candace Winslow, CEO, The Storehouse Community Center. "This was demonstrated by a more than 400% increase in our service numbers from the start of the pandemic until today. It is our desire to be a champion for North Dallas—serving the neighbors and needs in this community deeply and transformationally."

The Storehouse's pathway of programs serves neighbors holistically and includes a food pantry, a clothing closet, a resource referral program, and an education program that offers job, language, and life skills training. This pathway culminates in a job partnership program connecting neighbors with stable, high-quality employment opportunities. Presently, The Storehouse serves around 5,000 families per month.

"Through our job partnerships, first <u>Lux Ice</u>, and more recently, <u>Hilti</u>, we are seeing our neighbors thrive on their individual pathways to transformation," added Winslow. "Our integrated programs are designed to support them on their journeys from food insecurity to stable high-quality employment, and our vision is to change the life trajectories of 20% of the individuals we serve."



Pathways of Hope: Neighbor Edgardo Moreno working at The Storehouse job partner Hilti's apprenticeship program. The Storehouse's pathway of programs serves neighbors holistically and includes a food pantry, a clothing closet, a resource referral program, and an education program that offers job, language, and life skills training. This pathway culminates in a job partnership program connecting neighbors with stable, high-quality employment opportunities.

"Our mission at The Storehouse is to feed, clothe, and care for our neighbors in one **community**," added Winslow. "We will continue to adapt, change, and develop new programs based on the needs of our neighbors on their pathways to transformation. The Storehouse Community Center – a warm and safe hub for our neighbors from across the region to come together and feel loved and supported – reflects who we are today and who we want to be tomorrow."

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The Storehouse Community Center (formerly The Storehouse of Collin County), is a nonprofit founded in 2009 that provides short-term help and long-term transformation to residents in North Texas through a pathway of programs. Seven Loaves Food Pantry serves around 5,000 families each month; Joseph's Coat Clothing Closet provides clothing at no cost; Project Hope Neighbor Care offers case management and resource referral; and The Academy Education Program provides free and reduced-cost classes to assist with language, job, and life skills development. During its previous fiscal year, The Storehouse served 149,064 unduplicated neighbors with the support of more than 2,000 volunteers. In August 2023, the North Texas Food Bank honored The Storehouse with the Hope for Tomorrow Award, and in September 2023, The Storehouse was named a Dallas Morning News Charity. Visit <u>www.thestorehousecc.org</u>. The Storehouse EIN: 27-1883333