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FOCUS to hold public open house

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, Wis. – Feeding Our Communities with United Services (FOCUS) today announced it will host a public open house to commemorate its new facility that was made possible by funds raised for the "FOCUS on the Future" capital campaign. The open house will be held Saturday, June 3 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at 2321 West Grand Avenue and will include a brief ceremony followed by tours of the facility, and snacks and refreshments.

The new facility now houses all three of its original founding services under one roof to combat food insecurity in the Wisconsin Rapids and South Wood County area. The services have been named FOCUS Food Pantry, FOCUS Neighborhood Meals and FOCUS Family Backpacks. According to Mary Schultz, Chair of the FOCUS Board, "We are grateful for all the generous donations we have received to make this dream a reality. Now we have our food pantry, meals and backpack services all under one roof. I extend a warm welcome to anyone in the community who would like to see our new facility and learn about how we help our neighbors."

About FOCUS

FOCUS was formed in early 2020 when three local nonprofits merged to better address food insecurity in the South Wood County area of Wisconsin. Those services included the South Wood Emerging Pantry Shelf, The Neighborhood Table community meal program and Rapids Family Backpacks program. Those services are now known as FOCUS Food Pantry, FOCUS Neighborhood Meals and FOCUS Family Backpacks. Operating these services within one centralized location allows FOCUS to provide warm meals and monthly food allotments more efficiently to community members in need while also offering convenience to the many volunteers who believe in and support the services provided by FOCUS.

