

FIGHTING HUNGER IN MANHATTAN AND AT KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

2011

Kansas universities, including K-State, participated in the Oct. 16 **United Nations World Food Day** to raise awareness about hunger and our ability to address it.

2013



K-State joined **Universities Fighting World Hunger**, a student-led initiative that works to eradicate hunger through campus events, community involvement and policy advocacy.

An assessment of students' financial attitudes and behaviors was conducted campuswide.

2015

The Fueling Educational Excellence Daily (FEED) K-State initiative was established to prevent food insecurity from continuing as a barrier to student success.

2017



The food pantry interim board comprised of K-State faculty, staff, students and Manhattan community members worked closely with Dr. Bosco to establish the facilitation of the pantry.

Erin Bishop was selected as the food pantry coordinator, and space in Fairchild Hall was designated to house the food pantry.

The official name, **Cats' Cupboard**, and hours of operation were identified using feedback from the student body.

Offering non-perishable food items and toiletries, the **Cats' Cupboard opened its doors on Sept. 25, 2017.**

2021



Charlie and Debbie Morrison establish the **Morrison Family Cats' Cupboard Strategic Leadership Fund**. Not only does this fund formerly name the Morrison Family Cats' Cupboard director, it also marks a significant milestone in the fight against food insecurity at Kansas State.

2010

As part of **Vision 2025**, K-State began working to identify and address challenges — including food insecurity — impacting freshman-to-sophomore retention and the graduation rate.

2012



HandsOn Kansas State implemented the first mobile food distribution on a Kansas college campus.

HandsOn Kansas State formed partnerships with Harvesters and the Flint Hills Breadbasket.

The College of Education established a food pantry in Bluemont Hall.

College of Agriculture addresses food insecurity across the state of Kansas, the United States and around the world.

Various student groups such as **Food Recovery KSU**, the **Graduate Student Council**, members of the **Ecumenical Campus Ministry Real Food Lunch group** and additional K-Staters were discovering their own unique ways to address food insecurity.

2014

The Campus Climate Assessment Project found that **39.4%** of K-State students who report financial hardship indicated they had difficulty affording food.

Campus leaders learned that K-State was the only school in the four-year Regent's institutions that was without a campus food pantry.

Dr. Bosco worked diligently with the **Parents and Family Program** beginning in 2014 regarding the future financial foundation for the pantry and bringing the K-State family together for this vision. Key stakeholders included **Brenda and Lee Reeve, Tammy and Kent Laudan, Debbie and Charlie Morrison,** and **Dave and Kristen Dreiling.**

2016



The **FEED** group partnered with the **Center for Engagement and Community Development** to host a symposium that focused on food insecurity.

K-State Student Governing Association allocated **Student Centered Tuition Enhancement (SCTE)** funds to support an on-campus food pantry.

The ongoing initiative for the reality of an on-campus food pantry was led by the **Office of Student Life Assistant Dean Sarah Barrett** and **Associate Dean Scott Jones**, in collaboration with **Dr. Bosco.**

ONE CAUSE. ONE DAY.

ALL IN FOR K-STATE

2019

\$320,560 was raised on March 27 through the first **All In for K-State** in support of Cats' Cupboard.