

Subject Line: Help Keep the Campus Food Pantry on the Road

Pre-Header: Show your support during Bronco Giving Day, March 4–5



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Hello Holly,

Every week, the Campus Food Pantry van crisscrosses the Boise and Meridian area, making 31 stops to pick up donations and keep shelves stocked for Broncos who need support.

Last year alone, the Pantry distributed over 510,000 pounds of food and hygiene items and facilitated nearly 48,000 student visits. More than 100,000 pounds came directly from a local food rescue program — food that only reaches campus because the van can get there.

Our current van is old and unreliable. While the university's motor pool team has been wonderful and allowed us to borrow the van each year at no cost, it's not guaranteed as the vehicle ages.

A new, electric van, estimated to cost \$52,563, will allow the Pantry to continue this critical work safely and efficiently. A new van means:

- **Safer transport:** A bulkhead and secure shelving protect drivers, passengers and donations during every pickup and delivery.
- **Staff well-being:** Increased ceiling height and smooth flooring reduce back strain and other injuries for staff and volunteers.
- **Year-round reliability:** A dependable heating and cooling system protects both people and food during extreme weather conditions.
- **Broader access:** A built-in ramp makes food drive pickups easier, encouraging more campus and community partners to give and support students in need.
- **Sustainable impact:** An electric vehicle lowers operating costs and supports Boise State's long-term sustainability goals — there's already a charger in the Pantry's parking lot!

Most importantly, a new van helps keep food insecurity from becoming one more worry for students trying to succeed at Boise State.

“The Pantry has provided me with a consistent source of food, so that food insecurity is not part of my worries when it comes to college success,” one student shared. “As a low-income student, I rely on scholarships and work-study to make ends meet, but with rising grocery prices, high-quality food can be prohibitively expensive. The Campus Food Pantry has eliminated this worry for me and made access to food affordable and easy.”

Thanks to a generous gift from the university, we are only \$7,563 away from purchasing a new van! Albertsons has also pledged to match up to \$20,000, meaning every dollar you give will have double the impact. **If everyone receiving this email gave just \$5.06, we would cross the finish line.**

Your support helps keep food on the move for Broncos in need. A gift to the Campus Food Pantry ensures this essential work continues — safely and reliably.



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Thank you, and go Broncos!

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