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## **Alekman DiTusa pledges five-year, \$100,000 commitment to The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts**

Hatfield, MA – Alekman-DiTusa, a personal injury law firm based in Springfield, has recently made a charitable, five-year commitment to The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts to donate \$20,000 per year for a total of \$100,000. For each of the five years, \$15,000 of the gift will be allocated to the organization for general operating support for a total of \$75,000. The remaining \$5,000 per year will support the organization’s capital campaign to build a future, greener food distribution center and headquarters in Chicopee. The new location will be significantly larger than The Food Bank’s current facility in Hatfield and will allow for an expansion of food distribution services and community engagement through partnerships with 170+ food pantries and meals sites that make up the Western Massachusetts emergency food network.

A company statement from attorneys Ryan Alekman, Rob DiTusa and Laura Mangini stated that,

“We are thrilled to help The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts achieve their capital campaign goals. Giving back to the community has always been a priority for our law firm and we sincerely believe in The Food Bank's mission. This new facility will enable them to better serve the many families in Western Massachusetts that are food insecure. We look forward to seeing the new facility in operation and we encourage others, who are able, to support this essential organization.”

“We are grateful for Alekman DiTusa’s continued commitment to our neighbors facing food insecurity throughout Western Massachusetts, added Jillian Morgan, Director of Philanthropy at The Food Bank.

“This incredibly generous donation will not only provide greater access to healthy food now but will help The Food Bank build a more food-secure Western Massachusetts in the future. We hope other local businesses will follow their tremendous example.”

Through community partnerships, The Food Bank also seeks to address long-term solutions to food insecurity and hunger through anti-hunger legislative advocacy on the local, state, and federal levels,

SNAP Outreach and Enrollment assistance, and its Food Insecurity Screening Initiative in cooperation with community health centers in the region.

Founded in 1982, The Food Bank is celebrating its 40th year of service. Since its founding, it has distributed more than 187,000,000 pounds of healthy food to food-insecure households in the region.

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*The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts believes that everyone has a right to healthy food regardless of their circumstances. Serving Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire counties, The Food Bank leads the region's emergency food network, distributing nutritious food to households with lower incomes. Since 1982, they have been providing individuals facing hunger with the food they need to survive and leading communities towards long-term solutions to food insecurity by addressing its underlying causes. They are committed to creating a Western Massachusetts where no one goes hungry, and everyone has access to nutritious food. For more information, visit [foodbankwma.org](http://foodbankwma.org).*



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