



# Lakeview Pantry

3831 N. Broadway Street  
Chicago, Illinois

**Total Project Cost:**  
\$75,294

**Development Team:**  
Illinois Facilities Fund  
*Project Manager*

Lakeview Pantry  
*Owner*

Charlie Poppell & Associates  
*Architect*

N.H. McLennan Inc. Interior  
Contractors  
*General Contractor*

**Date Completed:**  
November 2002

**Description of Project:** Incorporated in 1970 by neighbors concerned about hunger issues in the Lakeview community, Lakeview Pantry operated for twenty-two years from a 970 square foot boiler room in the basement of the Jane Adams Center at Belmont and Broadway. Within these modest confines, Lakeview Pantry grew into one of the busiest food pantries in Chicago; this increase in business put great stress on the organization’s already tight workspace, and forced clients to wait in lines that often stretched out into the street. Lakeview Pantry hired the IFF to identify and plan for a larger location.

After an extensive property search in Lakeview—a gentrified community with escalating real estate values—

the IFF identified a 3,500 square foot storefront space on North Broadway. After providing a financial feasibility study of the new site, IFF hired the architect and contractor, managed the construction project, and coordinated the design process in cooperation with Supporting the Spirit, a pro-bono interior design firm. The move more than tripled Lakeview Pantry’s operating space and allowed the organization to increase its capacity to serve the Lakeview community.

The highly visible storefront location has provided Lakeview Pantry with increased exposure, and its colorful design, spacious interior, and open counter and waiting area create a space that reflects Lakeview Pantry’s mission to treat all program participants with dignity and respect.