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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Waste Not Want Not Invites Community to Celebrate Completion of Expanded Food Rescue Building with Ribbon Cutting and Lawn Concert**

**JACKSONVILLE, FL** – The "Castle" is complete, and it's never looked more like a palace! Waste Not Want Not will celebrate the **grand reopening** of its **newly renovated** and **expanded food rescue hub** with a Ribbon Cutting and Lawn Concert on April 30, 2026 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., located at 2050 Carnes St, Orange Park, FL 32073. The facility – lovingly known by staff, volunteers, and partners as "the Castle" – serves as the beating heart of the organization's daily operations, where rescued food arrives, gets sorted, and heads right back out the door into the hands of families who need it most. The event is open to the public, and the **community** is **warmly invited to celebrate**.

The newly expanded and renovated space represents the **most significant upgrade** in the organization's history, and a powerful statement about what **this community** is capable of when it **comes together** around a shared mission to fight hunger.

The project was made possible by the **extraordinary generosity** of a **private family foundation**, **Baptist Health System**, **The Winn-Dixie Company**, and **HCA Florida Healthcare**. Together, these investments funded an upgraded electrical system, commercial-grade refrigeration, a new air conditioning system, updated fencing, and a building addition – constructed by **Wiggins Construction** – designed to accommodate the organization's continued growth as demand for food assistance across the region rises.

The improvements will significantly expand the organization's capacity to rescue, store, and distribute food—directly translating into more meals reaching more people in need. Waste Not Want Not rescues more than **4,000 pounds of food each day**, which is distributed through our network of partner agencies to serve hungry children, working families, seniors, veterans, and unhoused neighbors throughout Northeast Florida.

We welcome the community to **celebrate with us** at the ribbon cutting and see firsthand the space where this work happens every day. Community members, volunteers, partner agencies, donors, and elected officials are invited to attend!

### **EVENT DETAILS**

**What:** Ribbon Cutting and Lawn Concert

**When:** April 30, 2026

**Time:** 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Where:** 2050 Carnes Street, Orange Park, FL 32073

### **About Waste Not Want Not**

*Waste Not Want Not* is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to fighting hunger and poverty and to reducing food waste across 14 counties in Northeast Florida. As the region's only hunger alleviation organization solely committed to food rescue, *Waste Not Want Not* does not purchase food or operate as a traditional food bank. Instead, *Waste Not* bridges the gap between surplus food and hungry people – recovering high-quality, excess food from retailers, distributors, and other partners and redirecting it to nonprofit agencies serving individuals and families facing food insecurity.

Powered by hundreds of dedicated volunteers and supported by generous food donors and community partners, *Waste Not Want Not* ensures that wholesome food feeds people—not landfills. Each week, as a result of *Waste Not's* efforts, more than 15,000 neighbors receive nourishment made possible through rescued food that would otherwise go to waste.

To learn more, volunteer, or support the mission, visit [www.wastenotflorida.org](http://www.wastenotflorida.org).

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