

ST. PHILIP'S FOOD PANTRY TESTIMONIAL

Fannie Cravin knows St. Philip's Food Pantry like the back of her hand. She has been client, volunteer, and for the past two years, a part-time employee of this crucial pantry that currently serves over 200 families a week and is undergoing an exciting expansion.

For Fannie, St. Philip's Food Pantry is her ministry; an opportunity for her to serve somebody else -- out of her own poverty. "That's when you get blessed the most," she says. "And I've been blessed by St. Philip's."

The majority of St. Philip's Food Pantry clients are families and the elderly, many of whom live in the immediate neighborhood or within a three mile radius of St. Philip's campus.



Fannie is excited about the Food Pantry expansion project that is well underway and will relocate the current pantry from what many deem to be an oversized closet to a 1,500 square foot building adjacent to the campus. This project is a collaborate effort between **St. Philip's, In the City for Good, the City of Dallas, The Real Estate Council, Trammell Crow Company, Dallas County, Kroger, and North Texas Food Bank.**

"The new building is really going to be a blessing," she explains. "Right now, we bag up food during the week and have to move it from the inside to outside to give to our

clients. Me and the volunteers have to carry heavy boxes and bags that pile up fast. And when lots of vegetables come in, there's nowhere to put it. In the new pantry, we're going to have more space and lots of refrigerators."

She believes the new building will also help those in wheelchairs. She's excited about the new system that will be very client friendly and hopefully more efficient.

"If it wasn't for St. Philip's Food Pantry, a lot of people would have a hard time feeding their families. In a couple of months, we're going to be able to give people enough food to last a little while."