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Hearts for the Homeless prepares to open new cafe, food pantry space

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A café, relocated food pantry and new community services are headed to Riverside.

Hearts for the Homeless, a nonprofit that feeds the poor and homeless through its food pantry and mobile soup kitchen and runs a thrift store and textile recycling program, is hoping to open Hearts Harvest Pantry & Café by late September. The space at 870 Tonawanda St. will include a food pantry, café, can and bottle redemption center and educational informational sessions, according to [Nicholas Calandra](#), CEO and president.

The organization purchased the property in 2018 and the development was delayed



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A rendering of Hearts Harvest Pantry & Café at 870 Tonawanda St.

during the pandemic.

The space is roughly 2,600 square feet, not including the basement. Hearts for the Homeless, which has been operating since 1990, plans to rent out an apartment on the second floor and will use that revenue to support the food pantry.

The nonprofit currently operates its food pantry and other operations out of 890 Tonawanda St. and its pantry there will be relocated once the café project is complete.

The project will likely lead to extended hours for the food pantry, which is currently open two days a week, Calandra said.

The café itself will offer affordable beverages and snacks and will have discounted and free items during the pantry's open hours, according to the organization's website.

Outside of the café's normal open hours, Hearts for the Homeless plans to bring in community organizations into the space to hold informational sessions on topics like nutritious meal preparation using foods available in the food pantry and financial literacy.

"It starts with the food pantry and moves into information and resources," he said. "We're excited to have a different impact with using this space for meal prep lessons, financial literacy and just offer a new set of programming to the community."

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