Food Bank gets new building

Area businessman donates space in north Lincoln

By LORI ROBISON Staff Reporter

The Food Bank of Lincoln will soon have more room in its pantry.

Beginning next year, the organizanated by an area businessman.

Harley Bair, owner of Bair Investfeet of building space five blocks north of Superior Street. The new space measures twice the size of the Food Bank's current 8,300-square foot building on 4800 N. 57th St.

Wende Baker, the Food Bank's executive director, said in a press release that a 117 percent annual growth since move in by January. 1987 has made storage space a precious, limited commodity.

Even though it needed food dona-

"We cannot operate efficiently in such a small space." Baker said. "A program are likely to increase the num-recognition that I did the best I could."

bigger facility will allow us to receive ber of applicants for help, Baker said. larger quantities of dry, frozen and relarger quantities of dry, frozen and refrigerated products."

many area charities and causes, learned about the organization and toured its facilities, he said he realized tion will move into a new building do- just how badly the bank needed extra soup kitchens.

Not wanting to wait until the Food ment Company, donated 21,000 square Bank could find and buy a suitable site, Bair donated the lot at 48th and Superior streets, bought the bank's current building at 4800 N. 57th St. and hired Ayars & Ayars Inc. to begin construction of the new building.

The organization should be able to

"As our population ages, we're going to have more people who will need assistance of one sort or another," Bair tions, the Food Bank had to turn away said. "People are living longer and food because it had nowhere to store there's more homeless people now who need help.'

Cutbacks in the federal food stamps

cil Emergency Network reported an After Bair, a longtime supporter of increase from 4,567 served in 1982, to 15,788 in 1995.

It also reported a 16 percent increase in meals served through area

To keep up with the growing need, the Food Bank's directors will launch a public Capital Campaign in January to raise \$500,000.

In the meantime, other businesses e joining Bair in showing support.

NIFCO Mechanical Systems Inc., a Lincoln company that installs sprinkling systems, eliminated its profits from the estimate for installing a system in the new building after the company found out the building was for the new Food Bank.

"I don't have a lot of time to give, but I can give money," Bair said. "I have been very fortunate to be able to do these things."

He said what matters "is my own

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Teachers support Nelson's views

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important for all the little people people whose families are not elite." Nelson said he supported the U.S.

Department of Education but wanted the agency to give funding to states in block grants. Nebraska educators can better decide how to spend funds than federal bureaucrats, he said.

Nelson said he visited Nebraska schools last week, where school children told him their dreams and hopes for the future.

Children know a solid education will dramatically increase their opportunities to succeed in the future, he said.

"Our children's future deserves hopes. nothing less, and we will give them nothing less," he said.

Don Olson, a disabled World War II veteran from Omaha, said he supported Nelson because the governor gave straight answers about the future, his plans for Nebraska and for Washington D.C.

"Ben Nelson is a man of truth," Olson said. "He doesn't beat around the bush.

200 supporters who joined the governor Saturday in canvassing neighborhoods statewide and talking to more enthusiast is not alone in his support with Nelson, just like you have disthan 200,000 Nebraska households for Nelson.

a few friendly pets with campaign percent "favorable" approval rating.

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We cannot afford in this country to lose the public education that we have. It's important for all the little people people whose families are not elite."

> BETH FELDMAN teacher at Omaha Central High School

For example, a brown-spotted dog ran from its home when its owner to a 3 percent lead. opened the front door to greet Nelson. The governor whistled and snapped his fingers to call the animal back, and the dog trotted immediately to his side.

One man ran down a neighborhood school funding. street to catch up with Nelson and ofgovernor appeared surprised by the sues, Nelson can be trusted to care for man's overwhelming enthusiasm and After the rally, Olson was one of support — and his offer of a \$500

A recent poll shows the campaign

about the senate race.

The nonpartisan Mason-Dixon poll said.

The governor knocked on doors in cleased Friday puts Nelson in a 13
Omaha, greeting parents, children and point lead in the Senate race and a 60 and you have to cut their allowance.

Polls released by the Hagel campaign Oct, 11 showed the race closing

Arlene Newell, a teacher at Hale Middle School in Omaha, said Nelson is pulling ahead in polls because voters trust him on the issues, including

Although educators and the goverfer support for the Senate race. The nor have not agreed on all funding ispublic schools, she said, while Hagel would endanger schools by cutting fed-

We have had our disagreements greements with your kids," Newell

"Sometimes the budget gets tight, "But you don't cut them off."

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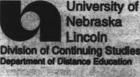
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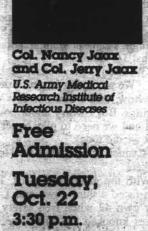
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