

Dream Center Transition FAQs

1. What is a Dream Center?

The original Dream Center was developed in Los Angeles 25 years ago to help people who were trapped in poverty and addiction to rebuild and transform their lives. By offering tools, education, community and support through various programming, all free of charge, lives have been transformed and families healed. There are more than 80 Dream Centers all over the world as part of the international [Dream Center Network](#), and each has an individualized approach to how it does community outreach and the services provided.

2. Why did Phelps County Faith Distribution join the network?

After a team of leaders from Rolla's food distribution went to Los Angeles in 2021 to work at the Dream Center and witness the life transformation that was taking place, they wanted to be a part of a community with similar values and goals to bring positive life change to others. Joining the network only enhances what our organization does in Phelps County, supports us with ideas and resources, and lets us know what others are doing in their respective communities to help serve people more effectively.

3. What will change and what will stay the same with this transition?

Our local autonomy will stay the same. We will continue to be led by the same volunteer board of directors who are interested in the good of the families who live in Phelps County. Current members are David Hagni, president; Gerald Dowdy, vice president; Carol Moorkamp, treasurer; Mark Potrafka, secretary; and board members Matt Ausmus, Carol Creighton, Gina Wood and Mark Wood. Diane Hagni is the executive director of the Phelps County Dream Center.

We will continue providing free groceries at distributions at least twice a month to those who are in need, as this service is the mainstay of our organization.

In the very near future, we will add new services that will help families and individuals become more self-sustaining, such as skills classes and other types of training, depending on the needs of our community and staffing available. Our new facility is 95% complete, including a commercial kitchen and classrooms, and will afford us space to provide these services.

4. If I am a donor, do I need to change how my donations are designated?

The legal name of our organization is now Phelps County Faith Distribution DBA as Phelps County Dream Center, so it is not necessary to change how your donations are designated. The mailing address remains the same. The 50% state tax credit also remains in effect.

5. How can I be involved?

If you have ideas or areas of expertise that would help serve our community, contact Diane Hagni at 833-503-4906 or phelpscountyfood@gmail.com. For more information about volunteering or receiving food, go to our website: phelpscountydreamcenter.org.