



Cor Unum

At the end of 2001, a small group of men and women who shared a common concern about hunger in Lawrence began to explore in depth the reality of hunger in their city. They reviewed existing anti-hunger efforts in Lawrence, speaking at length with the leaders of food programs, government and private social service organizations, local health care institutions, and schools. After extensive research, it was determined that there was a compelling need for additional food for the hungry and a significant demand for a meal center to be established in South Lawrence. Community leaders generously offered their support for a new effort that might address the challenges at hand.

In the spring of 2002, this new effort took the form of a committee that proceeded with the planning and organization of what emerged as the Cor Unum Meal Center. ("Cor Unum" means "One Heart" in Latin.) By the end of the planning process, it was concluded that \$1.4 million would be needed to build the Cor Unum Meal Center – a very ambitious goal!

In the autumn of 2004, a campaign was launched to raise \$1.4 million for the construction of Cor Unum, with Labels Are For Jars at the center of the pursuit of the mission.

In September of 2005, the fundraising goal for the construction of Cor Unum was reached! Thanks to the sacrifice of individuals, foundations, businesses, and the extraordinary number of people who have connected with Cor Unum through Labels Are For Jars, what had seemed by many to be an unreachable goal became a reality!

Construction of the Cor Unum Meal Center is scheduled to be completed in the spring/summer of 2006. Our challenge and mission continues! To open the doors of the center, \$400,000 is needed to fund the center's operational expenses. The goal of Labels Are For Jars is to achieve this mission by the spring/summer of 2006!