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Training Centre

our Mission:
to provide food to people
to struggle to feed
themselves and their families
to maximize public
awareness of hunger.

what we do:
food distribution
job training
school programs
kids who use
program



David Asper, chair of the Asper Foundation, speaks at the opening of a new training facility at Winnipeg Harvest on Wednesday. The facility was made possible with help from the foundation. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Winnipeg Harvest opens new training facility

Auspicious occasion. New facility opens on anniversary of the Queen signing Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

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Winnipeg Harvest opened a new training facility Wednesday that the organization says will help their clients learn the skills needed for

them to find meaningful work.

Harvest's executive director David Northcott explained the facility — called the Asper Learning & Friendship Village because the Asper Foundation covered the \$100,000 in start-up costs — will expand the training for at-risk youth, immigrants, refugees, food bank clients, and low-income families and individuals that the organization already offers support.

"It's allowing us to blend together all the other training we've been doing all over the building," he explained

Training programs

- Winnipeg Harvest sees between 200 and 300 clients taking part in their various training programs every month.

after the announcement. "There's a lot of things we're doing that we couldn't do before because we didn't have the environment to do it in."

The newly-renovated room offers clients computers with internet access, and Northcott said some of the

money was also used to pay for training modules, and new trainers for the variety of courses offered at Harvest.

"This centre ... is going to provide, not just a place to come, not just a place to be, this is a proactive learning centre," explained Asper Foundation chair David Asper.

On top of providing Winnipeg Harvest with the capital to open the new facility, the Asper Centre has also pledged an additional \$25,000 a year for the next three years to cover operating costs.