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Ron Flack, Second Harvest Food Bank's capital campaign steering chairman, opens the dedication of the food bank's most recent expansion on Thursday.

✓ Second Harvest expands fight against hunger

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WATSONVILLE — Second Harvest Food Bank celebrated the completion of phase one of an expansion project with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Thursday at the nonprofit's headquarters on Ohlone Parkway.

The expanded warehouse will be able to handle 10 million pounds of food each year, almost double the current capacity with the same number of staff. The new distribution docks, freezer and, soon, cooler will allow the food bank to receive 60,000 pounds of fresh produce it currently turns away.

Major donors and key figures in the project included Mary Solari, Rowland and Pat Rebele, Jack and Peggy Baskin, Plantronics, Driscoll's, Barry Swenson Builders, Granite Construction, SunRidge Farms and Dominican Hospital.