



The Food Bank of Lincoln introduced the Housewarming Project in 2005 with three pilot agencies: Friendship Home, Fresh Start and St. Monica's. The Food Bank invited women moving out of these shelters into their own households to come to the Food Bank with their case worker to shop for 100 pounds of groceries. The Housewarming shoppers would also receive bags of household necessities such as paper goods, cleaning supplies and laundry items.

In 2009, the Food Bank extended the Housewarming Project to include six additional agencies, also opening the program to male clients as well as women. This expansion was due in large part to the strong support for the program from the summer Campaign Against Hunger drives, with companies making special efforts to collect items that make up the Housewarming bags. In five years, 327 Housewarming shoppers and over 480 additional family members have been served by the Housewarming Project.

Housewarming Agencies: Friendship Home, Fresh Start, St. Monica's, Cornhusker Place, CenterPointe, House for New Life, People's City Mission, Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach and Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Counties (formerly Lincoln Action Program).

