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**100WomenStrong Grant Doubles the Impact for Loudoun's Hungry**

Leesburg, VA: Loudoun Hunger Relief (LHR) is elated to announce that it has leveraged and matched a \$25,000 100WomenStrong grant awarded in 2016 to purchase two new refrigerated vans. The new vans will be revealed at an event at HealthWorks for Northern Virginia, 163 Fort Evans Rd NE, Leesburg at 10:00am on Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

Representatives from 100WomenStrong and Loudoun Hunger Relief will celebrate the incredible double impact of the grant. One van has become two through the efforts of dedicated funders. A gift from The Wheeler Family Foundation and another from an anonymous donor more than doubled the initial grant amount.

Loudoun County based 100WomenStrong, which seeks to strategically invest in organizations and programs that enrich the lives of Loudoun County residents, granted the initial funds for the van purchase initiative. The grant was intended to be the seed money for the purchase of one \$40,000 refrigerated van. Instead, Loudoun Hunger Relief was able to leverage the grant to purchase two much needed vehicles.

Two new refrigerated vans with increased transport capacity will provide the logistics needed to accept and deliver an increased quantity of perishable food. Jennifer Montgomery, Loudoun Hunger Relief Executive Director, said "The vans are not just refrigerators on wheels. They are the vehicles moving healthy foods at peak freshness from donors to those in need. These vans are providing another means to nourish our Loudoun community."

The van purchases are a key ingredient to moving at-risk Loudoun residents from hunger into health. The 2016 100WomenStrong grant and additional donations inspired by the grant will make an enormous difference in the quality of the groceries Loudoun Hunger Relief is able to supply to those who need our services.

Loudoun Hunger Relief is so grateful to 100WomenStrong for its leadership in our community and its funding of the van purchase project.

**About Loudoun Hunger Relief**

*Loudoun Hunger Relief (formerly Loudoun Interfaith Relief) is the largest food pantry in Loudoun County. Last year LHR provided 1.2 million pounds of food to more than 11,000 individuals through 73,000 visits. 40% of those served are children. LHR distributes food to families six days a week, year round. Loudoun Hunger Relief was voted Loudoun Chamber of Commerce 2014 Nonprofit of The Year, Leesburg Today 2015 Reader's Choice Nonprofit of The Year, the Loudoun Times Mirror 2015 and 2017 Nonprofit of the Year, Loudoun Now 2016 Favorite Non-Profit. For more information on LHR, please visit [www.loudounhunger.org](http://www.loudounhunger.org).*

**About 100WomenStrong**

*100WomenStrong is a group of concerned residents who make an annual \$10,000 tax-deductible donation that will help create a lasting charitable endeavor to support non-profit organizations in Loudoun County. The group is a component fund of the Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties (CF), and contributions to the fund are fully tax deductible. For more information about 100WomenStrong visit <http://www.onehundredwomenstrong.org>.*

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One of the new refrigerated vans acquired by LHR, to be officially put into service on April 4.