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Loudoun Hunger Relief To Receive Inaugural Grant from Sterling Women Giving Circle

Sterling, VA: The newly formed Sterling Women Giving Circle announced last Thursday that its inaugural grant of \$10,000 will go to Loudoun Hunger Relief. The Sterling Women Giving Circle was founded by Kristina Bouweiri in late 2018 to act as a multiplier on the giving power of women in our community. Participants in the Circle were asked to contribute in \$100 shares. Each \$100 entitles the donor to one vote for an end grant recipient.

“This is a remarkable community effort, with women helping families in need in Loudoun—really helping other women feed their children,” Sterling Women Giving Circle founder Kristina Bouweiri said. “The power of all of us coming together is amazing. It is a testament to the strength of women helping women that we were able to raise \$10,000 in the first year.”

Loudoun Hunger Relief is applying these funds to the purchase of a Mobile Food Pantry vehicle. The vehicle will travel the county, bringing pantry services to low-income neighborhoods with transportation challenges.

“Loudoun Hunger Relief is humbled and honored to be the inaugural recipient of the Sterling Women Giving Circle grant. At Loudoun Hunger, we see the power of community every day, and we believe in the impact of neighbors helping neighbors. This grant is so meaningful because it is truly a gathering of community to meet the most basic of needs: the need for food,” Loudoun Hunger Relief Executive Director Jennifer Montgomery said.

About Sterling Women Giving Circle

Sterling Women Giving Circle was founded in 2018 by Reston Limousine President and CEO Kristina Bouweiri, who also is founder of the monthly networking group Sterling Women. The Giving Circle harnesses the power of women in the community to raise and distribute funds to local nonprofits. The goal of the Giving Circle is to provide a grant each year to a nonprofit selected by a vote of the Giving Circle’s donors. To join the Giving Circle and help make a difference in Loudoun, go to <https://communityfoundationlf.org/product/sterling-women/>.

About Loudoun Hunger Relief, Inc.

Loudoun Hunger Relief, Loudoun’s leader in food assistance, has been serving the Loudoun community since 1991. Last year, LHR served 8,000 Loudoun residents through 73,000 visits. 40% of those served are children and another 13% are senior citizens. LHR truly helps low-income, working families in Loudoun, with 68% of those served employed and another 15% actively seeking employment. Residents in need can visit twice per month and receive enough food to create three meals for three days for each household member. LHR distributed 1.4 million pounds of food last year. For more information, please visit www.loudounhunger.org or call 703-777-5911.

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