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Jennifer Montgomery Promoted to Loudoun Hunger Relief President & CEO

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February 22, 2021 Leesburg, VA - Loudoun Hunger Relief (LHR) announced today that Jennifer Montgomery has been promoted to President and CEO. Jennifer has served as the Executive Director since 2014 and her promotion to President and CEO is a recognition of the exemplary leadership, accomplishments, and responsibilities she has undertaken since joining Loudoun Hunger Relief.

"Jennifer's breadth of knowledge, leadership and management skills have been instrumental in Loudoun Hunger Relief's effectiveness in serving our neighbors in need," says Carol Barbe, LHR's Chair of the Board of Directors. "Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, she has taken a leading role in coordinating LHR's response while ensuring the utmost safety for our employees, volunteers, clients and partners. Jennifer's overall vision and actions have assured the success of the organization well into the future and will continue to play a key role in navigating our strategic direction."

Jennifer is often recognized for her leadership and was recently interviewed by the BBC about increased food insecurity during COVID-19. The insightful article cites the tremendous work being done by her and the LHR team, serving the heightened need for food. Jennifer said, "we saw folks who had just never needed to access this type of resource before. It was obvious that they were very much one or two paychecks away from being in serious trouble."

As a highly regarded community leader, Jennifer chairs the board of the Loudoun Human Services Network, serves as Co-Chair for the Loudoun County Human Services Strategic Plan Advisory Committee and is on the board of the Loudoun Chamber of Commerce. Her expertise is often sought out in matters concerning the human services available to Loudoun's residents.

"I am honored to receive this recognition and as President and CEO, I will continue our work to ensure that Loudoun Hunger Relief is the safety net for the Loudoun community, alongside so many very capable partners," Montgomery commented.

About Loudoun Hunger Relief

Our LHR mission is to serve our neighbors in need with nutritious food, education, and community partnerships. LHR is a nonprofit, serving its clients' needs since 1991, as the county's largest food pantry, supplying perishable and nonperishable food items. In 2020 LHR served over 15,000 individuals through 355,000 visits, about half of which are children.

For information about donations and volunteering opportunities, please visit the Loudoun Hunger Relief Website – LoudounHunger.org