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## **Loudoun Feeds Website Launches to Help Neighbors Find Local Sources of Food Assistance**

LEESBURG, VA, June 13, 2022— The Loudoun Food Providers Group (LFPG) is proud to introduce a new resource, [LoudounFeeds.org](http://LoudounFeeds.org), for Loudoun County residents who need help getting groceries, but don't always know where to turn. The website indexes food resources in Loudoun County, provides locations and operating hours, and describes what to expect during a food pantry visit. With the click of a button, the website also translates into multiple languages for increased access.

“It became apparent at the beginning of the pandemic that easily accessible information for community resources was both vital and lacking. Many people who never needed human services were suddenly faced with finding help. The good news is that there are numerous places to get food assistance in Loudoun County, and LoudounFeeds.org will be an up-to-date resource. This website is the only URL they will need to know to get connected to the numerous charitable food resources available throughout Loudoun County,” said Loudoun Hunger Relief CEO, Jennifer Montgomery. “If you need food, know someone who needs food, or you want to volunteer to get food out into the community, LoudounFeeds.org makes it easy to connect with organizations doing this essential work.”

The comprehensive features of LoudounFeeds.org are all part of the LFPG's work to make an impact on hunger in Loudoun. The website is modeled after Blue Ridge Area Food Bank's similar collaborative websites in other counties served by the food bank. “We're grateful to be a part of LoudounFeeds.org,” said Jacob Matz, partner engagement manager for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. “By working together, we can more effectively offer assistance for families experiencing food insecurity. We share a commitment to making sure that everyone in Loudoun County has enough to eat.”

“We're thankful for the collaborative efforts of the Food Bank and planning committee which includes Loudoun Hunger Relief, Dulles South Food Pantry, Backpack Buddies Galilee Church, and Loudoun Education Foundation's Backpack Coalition for their help

in getting this resource built and into the community. We encourage organizations to link to the site and share the information broadly.” Montgomery added.

The Loudoun Food Providers Group (LFPG) is an alliance of charitable food providers in Loudoun County. LFPG members are committed to addressing food insecurity and improving food access in Loudoun by working together, deepening their relationships, and building their collective capacity to effect change. They share information about services, trends, and learning opportunities. Founded by Loudoun Hunger Relief (LHR) in 2018, the Loudoun Food Providers Network was modeled after a similar group in Fairfax County. The purpose was to foster communication and cooperation among Loudoun’s charitable food providers. The group’s work became critical during the pandemic when cooperative efforts were even more important.

Community members interested in doing their part to champion hunger relief can also find ways to get involved on **LoudounFeeds.org**.

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#### **About Loudoun Food Providers Group**

The Loudoun Food Providers Group is a gathering of emergency food providers in Loudoun County. LFPG meets to share information about services, trends, and to gain knowledge of how we can collectively serve our client-base in the most-effective way. Meetings are open to any organization working in food insecurity in Loudoun County. For more information please email LFPGs facilitators at [ehuddleston@loudounhunger.org](mailto:ehuddleston@loudounhunger.org) or [mphillips@dsfp.org](mailto:mphillips@dsfp.org).

#### **About Loudoun Hunger Relief**

Loudoun Hunger Relief, Loudoun’s leader in emergency food assistance has been serving the Loudoun community since 1991. Last year, LHR provided 266,000 service instances and 2.3 million meals to our community. Nearly 40% of those served are children and another 12% are senior citizens. LHR truly helps low-income, working families in Loudoun, serving hundreds of households each week. In addition to our pantry services, together with our community partners we stock satellite pantries and operate a produce hub. For more information, please visit [www.loudounhunger.org](http://www.loudounhunger.org).

#### **About Blue Ridge Area Food Bank**

Blue Ridge Area Food Bank Founded in 1981 and headquartered in Verona, Virginia, the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank is the largest organization alleviating hunger in western and central Virginia. The Food Bank serves an average of nearly 119,000 individuals each month across 25 counties and eight cities through distribution centers in Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Winchester, and Verona. Together with our network of 207 community partners and 187 program sites, we’re serving record numbers of Virginians during a prolonged pandemic and its associated economic impacts. We pledge to continue innovating and adapting to secure, store, and distribute more food to more individuals, families, children, and seniors experiencing hunger. The Food Bank is a member of Feeding America, a national food bank association that supports 200 food banks across the United States providing 6 billion meals to 42 million people through 60,000 partner pantries. For more information, [visit www.brafb.org](http://www.brafb.org).