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Scouting for Food Aims to Fill Loudoun's Pantries During the Giving Season

Loudoun County, VA; Check your doors as many residences in Loudoun County should have received a notification in the form of a Scouting for Food 4X6 Post-It note with directions for food items needed to replenish the stockrooms of local food pantries. Each November, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venture Scouts, and their leaders of the Goose Creek District of the National Capital Area Council take to the neighborhoods of Loudoun County in support of Scouting for Food. The mission of the service project is to collect food items that will be given to families needing assistance within their local communities.

The scouts will be by on **Saturday, November 13th** to pick up the filled bags of non-perishable items (no glass please) and deliver them to various food pantries across the county.

According to Loudoun Hunger Relief's Chief Executive, Jennifer Montgomery, "These donations could not come at a better time each year. Often, we are able to start using the Scouts' food the very next week to restock items such as cereals, peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables, and meats, such as tuna."

Started in 1988, the Scouting for Food project is Scouting's "Good Turn" to the community. The Boy Scouts are responding to the ever-increasing demand for basic needs assistance. Collecting a large stock of non-perishable food goes a long way to meeting the emergency food requirements of local agencies, not only during the holiday season, but well into next year. To make the food drive a success, Scouts not only go door-to-door collecting food: they understand that their job is not over when they finish collecting the food. Many Scouts log additional community service hours working in the collection sites, unloading vehicles and bags, and sorting the food donations.

Loudoun Hunger Relief, Loudoun's leader in food assistance has been serving the Loudoun community since 1991. LHR provides nutritious food and other personal items to any Loudoun resident in need. In 2020, LHR distributed more than 2.6 million pounds of food in 355,000 service encounters through our direct pantry services and various community partners. We are currently serving around 600 families each week. For more information, please visit www.loudounhunger.org or call 703-777-5911.

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