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Loudoun Hunger Relief Celebrates Its New Van, and Passes Along Its “Vintage Van” to Legacy Farms

Leesburg, VA: Loudoun Hunger Relief (LHR) is excited to announce the acquisition of a new refrigerated van. Funding for the purchase of this new van is provided by the generous donors who donated during GiveChoose, the online giving campaign hosted by The Community Foundation of Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties. The new van is a vital addition to LHR's fleet of refrigerated vehicles, which moved almost 3 million pounds of food from donor grocery stores, farms and farmers markets to families in need last year.

On Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 4pm, Loudoun Hunger Relief staff, volunteers, board members and supporters gathered to cut the ribbon on the new van acquisition. A second ribbon cutting was added to celebrate the gifting of LHR's "Vintage Van" to Legacy Farms, a Loudoun nonprofit offering internships and training to the neurodivergent community. Legacy Farms grows vegetables and flowers for CSA subscribers and needed the van to expand their operations.

Laurie Young, Executive Director of Legacy Farms said "The gift of this vehicle will allow us to streamline and add efficiency to our operations. We can't wait to give it a little makeover and begin delivering our flower and veggie CSA's in this awesome van!"

Loudoun Hunger Relief is continuing to provide emergency groceries to almost 3000 Loudoun residents each week. President and CEO Jennifer Montgomery said "Today was an amazing day! Not only did LHR enhance our ability to serve our community by adding a new refrigerated vehicle to our fleet, but we were able to provide another great Loudoun nonprofit with a vehicle to enhance their mission. It's all about neighbors helping neighbors, and we are honored to serve".

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 about 600 to 700 families each week. For more information, please visit www.loudounhunger.org.

About Legacy Farms

Legacy Farms is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, established in 2012. We offer targeted, custom-designed apprenticeships to neurodiverse individuals who perform essential organizational tasks in our garden, in the community, and for organizational management. Legacy Farms also offers CSA shares in the summer. For more information, please visit www.legacyfarms.org .

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