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Loudoun Hunger Relief Announces Board Additions and Changes

Loudoun County, VA
Loudoun Hunger Relief (LHR) is pleased to announce that two new members have joined the Board of Directors. Kate Gonzalez and Natalie Ramos have been elected to the board, adding their expertise to the organization. John Rowell, who has served on the board since 2020, has become the new board Treasurer. In addition, immediate past Board Chair Carol Barbe has been named as a Director Emeritus, the first person ever to be granted that honor.

Kate Gonzalez is the Associate General Counsel & Chief of Staff at Capital One. She brings her legal expertise to LHR with depth of knowledge in corporate real estate, procurement, and process flow.

Natalie Ramos is the owner and head chef of Fleur De Cuisine, an award-winning catering and restaurant firm based in Loudoun. Fleur De Cuisine was recently named the Loudoun Chamber of Commerce Superior Service Business of the Year for 2023.

John Rowell has been elected LHR board Treasurer, replacing long-time Treasurer Roman Blazauskas whose board term has come to an end. Mr. Rowell is the co-founder and CEO at Revenium and brings his finance expertise to his new role as an LHR board officer.

Carol Barbe served as Chair of the LHR board for an unprecedented nine years during her eleven-year board service. During Ms. Barbe's tenure she oversaw a radical shift toward healthy and whole food choices, significant organizational growth, and unprecedented demand for LHR's services. Ms. Barbe also served as Chair of the successful Beyond Food Capital Campaign leading to last fall's opening of the new Loudoun Hunger Relief Community Services Center, the first of its kind in Loudoun. Her leadership has been invaluable, and the board honored her service with the Emeritus designation.

Current board officers are Chair Charlie McQuillan; Vice Chair Dave McOmber; Secretary Lorna Campbell Clarke, and Treasurer John Rowell. The 2024 board also includes Eric Pearsall, Magdalene Johnson Obaji, and Andrea Winey.

We thank outgoing Treasurer Roman Blazauskas of SpeedPro Nova for his decade of service to LHR. Mr. Blazauskas continues to be a friend to Loudoun Hunger Relief and a champion of Loudoun's nonprofit community. We also thank Michelle Rosati of Pesner Altmiller Law for her decade of service to LHR. Her expertise and guidance were invaluable during our time of growth.

Chair McQuillan said "I want to personally thank each member of Loudoun Hunger Relief's Board of Directors. Every person makes a unique and valuable contribution to the organization's direction and governance through their volunteer service. We welcome the fresh ideas that our new directors will bring to the board, as well as the steady guidance our tenured directors provide. LHR will continue our work to provide high quality food assistance to our Loudoun neighbors."

About Loudoun Hunger Relief
Loudoun Hunger Relief, Loudoun's leader in food assistance has been serving the Loudoun community since 1991. Last year, LHR served 14,000 Loudoun residents with about 2.3 million meals. 40% of those served are children and another

13% are senior citizens. LHR truly helps low-income, working families in Loudoun. Residents in need can come twice a month and receive enough food to create three meals for three days for each household member. LHR distributed 2.8 million pounds of food last year. For more information, please visit www.loudounhunger.org or call 703-777-5911.

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