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Loudoun Food Provider Group Prepares for Increased Community Food Needs

The Loudoun Food Provider Group (LFPG) convened members of Loudoun County's charitable food system and community partners in January to coordinate a countywide response to rising food insecurity. The group is committed to ensuring that neighbors continue to have access to food and clear, accurate information during uncertain times.

LFPG is sponsored by Loudoun Hunger Relief, with support from Loudoun Education Foundation, Blue Ridge Area Food Bank, and other member organizations.

Approximately forty representatives from local food pantries, weekend meal programs, Loudoun County Public Schools, and community organizations attended the planning session, held at Founder's Hall at the Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department. Participants committed to preparing for increased demand driven by inflation and reductions in benefits and services for some households. Providers are working together—and with schools and other partners—to ensure families know where to turn if challenges arise.

"During this uncertain time, it's vital that the community comes together in a coordinated way to support our neighbors," said Jennifer Montgomery, CEO/President of Loudoun Hunger Relief and spokesperson for the Loudoun Food Provider Group. "Our organizations are aligned, prepared, and focused on making sure help remains accessible and close to home."

Food providers are coordinating outreach, communications, volunteers, advocacy, and food distribution to respond quickly and consistently. Partners are also strengthening emergency plans and communication across organizations. The Loudoun Food Provider Group will track and share basic indicators such as households served, calls received, volunteer engagement, and locations operating.

Community members can help by volunteering, sharing accurate information, offering space for pop-up food access sites, advocating with elected officials, and directing neighbors to LoudounFeeds.org for local food resources.

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About the Loudoun Food Provider Group
The Loudoun Food Provider Group is a collaborative of emergency food providers serving Loudoun County. LFPG meets regularly to share information about services and trends and to strengthen

collective efforts to serve residents experiencing food insecurity. Meetings are open to any organization addressing food insecurity in Loudoun County. For more information, please email LFPG facilitators at ehuddleston@loudounhunger.org or Kirslyn.Schell-Smith@lcps.org.

About Loudoun Hunger Relief

Loudoun Hunger Relief (LHR), Loudoun's leader in food assistance, has served the community since 1991. LHR provides nutritious food and personal care items to any Loudoun resident in need. In FY2025, LHR distributed more than 2.7 million pounds of food to 14,000 residents through its pantry and partner network and currently serves approximately 850 families each week. Learn more at www.loudounhunger.org or call 703-777-5911.