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## **Gettysburg College students win “Raise the Dough” challenge to support local hunger relief efforts**

*Four Campus Kitchens awarded prizes for top fundraising*

**WASHINGTON** – Hundreds of students, faculty and supporters at 19 Campus Kitchens across the country raised more than \$26,700 to fight hunger in their local communities in a seven day “Raise the Dough” online fundraising challenge last week. The competition, hosted by The Campus Kitchens Project, allowed students to compete against one another in an effort to raise funds and awareness for their innovative work to fight hunger and food waste. The Campus Kitchen at Gettysburg College raised \$7,529, winning an additional \$1,000 sponsored by Hilton Worldwide for the most money raised.

The participants are affiliates of The Campus Kitchens Project, a national organization that empowers student volunteers to fight hunger by recovering extra food that would have gone to waste from dining halls, grocery stores, restaurants, and farmers’ markets and transforming it into nutritious meals that are delivered to local agencies serving those in need. Last year, the network of Campus Kitchen locations nationwide recovered 750,000 pounds of food and served 280,000 meals. Programs are led by student leaders, who volunteer to plan menus, recover food that would have gone to waste on campus, run cooking shifts and organize food delivery to clients in the community. Each Campus Kitchen goes beyond delivering meals to develop and implement innovative programs that address the root causes of hunger.

“One in six Americans is food insecure, and at the same time as a country we waste 40% of our food. Since 2001, The Campus Kitchens Project has made it possible for students and schools to address these interrelated problems,” said Laura Toscano, director of The Campus Kitchens Project. “But the most powerful results come from empowering this next generation of student

leaders to raise awareness about the problem and present their own solutions for the future. That is exactly what we intend to achieve with campaigns like the Raise the Dough Challenge.”

The grand prize-winning Campus Kitchen at Gettysburg College (CKGC) plans to use funds raised to support their Healthy Options initiative, which provides more than 70 families experiencing food insecurity who are yet not eligible for federal food assistance programs with ability to purchase healthy, fresh foods. Last year alone, CKGC recovered 17,365 pounds of food and served 7,522 meals to 3,747 clients in their community.

The Campus Kitchen at Saint Louis University came in second place, raising \$3,652 and winning an additional \$500. Students with the Campus Kitchen at William and Mary raised more than \$2,700 to come in third, winning an additional \$250. A grant of \$750 was also given to the Campus Kitchen at the University of Georgia for engaging 106 donors – the most of any competitor. All prizes were supplied by Hilton Worldwide, which supports programs that address food insecurity as part of their commitment to Travel with Purpose™ and strengthen communities.

These donations make all the difference in powering The Campus Kitchens Project’s lean and sustainable solution to hunger, which since its founding in 2001 has empowered student volunteers to recover more than 3,319,000 pounds of food and serve more than 2,093,000 meals.

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### **About The Campus Kitchens Project**

Founded in 2001, The Campus Kitchens Project is a national organization that empowers student volunteers to fight hunger in their community. On 34 university and high school campuses across the country, students transform unused food from dining halls, grocery stores, restaurants, and farmers’ markets into meals that are delivered to local agencies serving those in need. By taking the initiative to run a community kitchen, students develop entrepreneurial and leadership skills, along with a commitment to serve their community, that they will carry with them into future careers. Each Campus Kitchen goes beyond meals by using food as a tool to promote poverty solutions, implement garden initiatives, participate in nutrition education, and convene food policy events. To learn more about our work or bring The Campus Kitchens Project to your school, visit [www.campuskitchens.org](http://www.campuskitchens.org).

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