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Student volunteers from 24 colleges and universities compete to “Raise the Dough” for hunger relief

Washington, DC – February 19, 2015 – Starting tomorrow, student volunteers from 24 colleges and universities will kick off a week-long “Raise the Dough” online fundraising challenge to benefit hunger relief efforts in their communities. The challenge is hosted by The Campus Kitchens Project, a national organization that empowers student volunteers to fight hunger in their communities.

From February 20 to February 27, participating Campus Kitchens will compete against one another to see who can raise the most money to support their hunger-fighting efforts. Cash prizes totaling \$2500 will be awarded to Campus Kitchens that raise the most money or involve the largest number of individual donors through their online campaign.

At each of the 42 Campus Kitchens nationwide, students lead efforts to combat food waste and hunger by collecting surplus food from on-campus dining halls, community gardens, restaurants, and grocery stores and transforming it into healthy meals. In the last academic year, Campus Kitchens across the country rescued more than 823,549 pounds of food and served 293,963 meals to 12,006 clients. Each Campus Kitchen goes beyond delivering meals to develop and implement innovative programs that address the root causes of hunger.

Campus Kitchens participating in “Raise the Dough” are: Auburn University, Augsburg College, the College of William and Mary, East Carolina University, Elon University, Gettysburg College, Gonzaga University, Kent State University, Marquette University, Northwestern University, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Saint Louis University, Saint Peter’s University, Troy University, Union College, University of Detroit Mercy, University of Florida, University of Georgia, University of Kentucky, University of Maryland Eastern Shore at Shady Grove, University of Massachusetts Boston, University of Virginia, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, and the Campus Kitchen at Washington DC.

Students can support their Campus Kitchen by donating to their school’s [fundraising page](#) online starting at midnight on Friday, February 20. As an organization with predominately college-age volunteers, the amount of the donation is less important than the number of individuals who participate. Even a nominal contribution of \$10 supports the efforts of each Campus Kitchen. Prize-winning kitchens will be announced by The Campus Kitchens Project on February 28, 2015.

Students from schools not participating in “Raise the Dough” can make a gift to The Campus Kitchens Project national page to help grow the network to more campuses. To learn how to bring The Campus Kitchens Project to your school, visit www.campuskitchens.org.

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 42 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.

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