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Campus Kitchen at Washington, DC wins “Raise the Dough” challenge to support local hunger relief efforts

WASHINGTON – Last week, student volunteers from 24 colleges and universities participated in a week-long “Raise the Dough” online fundraising challenge, raising more than \$56,000 to benefit hunger relief efforts in their communities. The challenge was hosted by The Campus Kitchens Project, a national organization that empowers student volunteers to fight hunger in their communities. The Campus Kitchen at Washington, DC raised \$12,715, winning an additional \$1,000 prize for the most money raised.

From February 20 to February 27, participating Campus Kitchens competed against one another to raise the most money to support their hunger-fighting efforts. Cash prizes totaling \$2500 were awarded to Campus Kitchens that raised the most money or involved 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.

The grand prize-winning Campus Kitchen at Washington, DC (CKWDC) plans to use funds raised to support their food recovery and meal production efforts, as they plan to create 15,000 healthy, balanced meals for Washington, DC residents this year alone. Further, CKWDC aims to expand their services to an under-served community east of the Anacostia River to provide fresh produce and healthful meals in an area considered a food desert. CKWDC's volunteers

include high school students; college students from American University, George Washington University and Georgetown University; folks from the community; and Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church members. With thriving partnerships with local MOM's Organic Market stores, farmers markets and others, last year alone, CKWDC recovered 42,780 pounds of food and served 8,355 meals to 1,355 clients in their community.

The Campus Kitchen at Gettysburg College came in second place, raising \$10,537 and winning an additional \$500. Students with the Campus Kitchen at Saint Peter's University raised \$6,000 to come in third, winning an additional \$250. A \$750 prize was also given to the Campus Kitchen at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore at Shady Grove for engaging 159 donors – the most of any competitor.

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 4,163,000 pounds of food and serve more than 2,334,000 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 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. To learn more about our work or bring The Campus Kitchens Project to your school, visit www.campuskitchens.org.