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Call for Volunteers — “Plant A Row for the Hungry”

Loudoun County, VA —The first meeting of the newly formed “Plant a Row for the Hungry” Loudoun County committee took place Saturday, January 17, at the Purcellville Public Library in response to the National Day of Service program. The committee is currently looking for individuals interested in donating or volunteering on any level. Gardeners, farmers and local agri-businesses are encouraged to participate. For those lacking a “green thumb” PAR is recruiting members for many other volunteer opportunities. The next meeting is scheduled for noon March 21 at the Purcellville Public Library.

Plant A Row’s success hinges on its people-helping-people approach. The concept is simple. There are over 70 million gardeners in the U.S. alone, many of which plant vegetables and harvest more than they can consume. If every gardener plants one extra row of vegetables and donates their surplus, a significant impact can be made on reducing hunger. Loudoun Interfaith Relief will have access to fresh produce and the hungry of Loudoun County will have more, and better, food than is presently available.

Plant A Row provides training and direction to enable the local committee to reach out into the community. They also assist in coordinating the local food collection systems and monitor the volume of donations being conveyed to the Loudoun Interfaith Relief, a non-profit food pantry in Leesburg, Virginia.

Loudoun Interfaith Relief is the largest and only nutritious food pantry in Loudoun County. They serve clients by providing the food necessary to prepare three balanced meals a day for three days for any size family. Over 600,000 million pounds of food was distributed last fiscal year. With the down turn of the economy donations are needed now more than ever.

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