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Commonwealth Credit Union Joins Forces with the University of Louisville to Break the Cycle of Hunger

Louisville, KY (March 31, 2021)- The time that a student spends earning a college degree is expected to be filled with some challenges, but one of those challenges should not be access to food. Commonwealth Credit Union has partnered with the University of Louisville to address hunger concerns so students can focus on their education and their future success with the unveiling of the Commonwealth Credit Union Cardinal Cupboard.

The Cardinal Cupboard, a student-run food pantry located on UofL's Belknap Campus, was established to remove the barriers of food insecurity that affects students throughout campus. Earlier this year, Commonwealth Credit Union established the Bettering Lives Fund with the University of Louisville to support and renovate the Cardinal Cupboard food pantry on campus. The renovation, with a scheduled completion date of Fall 2021, will provide more space, easier accessibility, additional storage space, and improved equipment. Additionally, a new storefront will be added to welcome students, staff, and faculty who may be facing financial burden in gaining access to nutrition food options.

"I'm honored to be here today to announce our \$1 million gift so the cupboard can continue it's essential work under its new name: The Commonwealth Credit Union Cardinal Cupboard. While our donation allows the cupboard to expand their space and support other needs to enhance this service, what it really does is aid in fueling students' minds, affording them a greater opportunity to succeed," said Karen Harbin, President/CEO of Commonwealth Credit Union.

As the Official Credit Union of the University of Louisville since 2015, Commonwealth Credit Union is an active partner of the entire Cardinal Family. Their involvement with the Cardinal Cupboard fits with the credit union's mission of Bettering Lives in the Communities they serve.

Harbin added, "It's an honor and privilege to be involved in this project. I appreciate Kroger Foods and Dare to Care's existing and continued work with the Commonwealth Credit Union Cardinal Cupboard. Together, we're making strides towards breaking the cycle of hunger."

An announcement of this gift, totaling \$1 million, was held on Wednesday at the Student Activity Center on Campus. Joining Harbin at this announcement were University of Louisville President Neeli Bendapudi and University of Louisville Dean of Students, Dr. Michael Mardis.

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