



## Commonwealth of Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services

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### **First Monthly Food Pantry Opens at L&N Building**

*CHFS, Dare to Care help families serve healthy meals*

**FRANKFORT, Ky.** (Feb. 28, 2019) - Today, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) and Dare to Care Food Bank celebrated the first of what will be monthly mobile food pantry visits to Louisville's L&N Building. Dare to Care will set up its mobile pantry in the L&N parking lot from 10 a.m. until noon on the fourth Thursday of each month. Meat, dairy, vegetables, and fruit are among the items provided.

First Lady Glenna Bevin helped create the monthly partnership after serving clients at a similar food assistance effort at the building this past December. The First Lady said she was proud to be part of the team that inspired the regularly scheduled pantry.

"This collaboration helps so many families in Louisville," she said. "Even with other resources helping, too many Kentucky families have unmet needs. This mobile pantry provides a variety of foods so families can prepare and enjoy nutritious meals together."

L&N houses the Jefferson County CHFS Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) offices, where staff provides child and adult protective services and determines eligibility for Medicaid, public assistance, childcare assistance and food benefits.

“Each day our staff commits to connecting families with assistance and community resources, and we are grateful for the partnership we share with the Dare to Care Food Bank,” said DCBS Commissioner Eric Clark. “Having the mobile pantry at the L&N Building will help families receive a variety of healthy foods. This partnership further demonstrates how we can find new opportunities to serve within our communities.”

Brian Riendeau, Executive Director of Dare to Care, said his agency’s mobile pantry visits 33 Louisville-area locations every month.

“Collaborations like this help Dare to Care reach families where the needs are greatest,” continued Riendeau. “L&N is a great site since we can reach families while they’re making other appointments, and we have generous help from plenty of volunteers like the DCBS staff.”

More than 200 families visited the mobile pantry Thursday. To learn more about DCBS programs and assistance, go to the CHFS website: <https://chfs.ky.gov> and type “DCBS” in the “What can we help you find?” search bar.

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