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## Choom Announces Q1 2021 Financial Results - Reporting Record Revenue of \$6.1 million

Vancouver, BC – December 01, 2020– Choom Holdings Inc. ("**Choom**" or the "**Company**") (CSE: CHOO; OTCQB: CHOOF), a fast-expanding retail cannabis company that has established one of the largest store networks in Canada, is pleased to report its financial and operating results for the first quarter of fiscal 2021 ending September 30, 2020.

# **First Quarter Financial Highlights:**

- Q1 2021 revenue of \$6.1M
  - Increase of \$2M and 50% over Q4 2020 revenue of \$4.1M
- Q1 2021 Gross Margin of 36.33%
  - o Increase of 3.06% over Q4 2020 gross margin of 33.26%
- Q1 2021 G&A of \$1M or 15.74% of revenue
  - Versus \$1.2M or 28.68% of revenue Q4 2020
- Q1 2021 Salary and Wages of \$1.1M or 18.24% of revenue
  - Versus \$0.8M or 20.17% of revenue Q4 2020

## First Quarter Divisional Highlights:

### Finance:

Choom continues to make strides in our strategic path to profitability, increasing sales while right sizing expenditures, improving margins, and inventory efficiency through our centralized product team resulting in positive adjusted EBITDA <sup>1</sup> for the quarter of \$35K.

## **Operations:**

As we move forward with our new store growth strategy, ground has broken in Yaletown, Vancouver, with an opening set for January 2021. Additionally, a 4<sup>th</sup> development permit was secured in Vancouver, further creating defensibility amongst other national competitors.

During the quarter, we re-opened the Westlock store location that had been previously closed due to COVID-19. Additionally, in Q2 we re-opened Camrose 48<sup>th</sup>, another location that was previously closed, bringing our open and operating store count to 14.

## **Brand:**

Choom's marketing vision receives industry recognition, with nominations for three prestigious awards by ADCANN this November: Storefront Brand of the Year, Marketer of the Year and Best Social Media of the year. Our digital development also continues as we enhance our industry-leading technology on Choom's 2.0 digital platform, further positioning ourselves as a technology enabled Cannabis retailer, supporting our strategic pillar of creating a true omni-channel experience.

#### **Culture:**

The further centralization of our business model continues to attract top talent both at our store support center as well as at our retail locations. Work continues to bring key functions of our team in-house, reducing reliance and costs related to contractors and consultants, allowing for improved business support.

### **About Choom™**

Choom™ is a fast-expanding retail cannabis company that has established one of the largest store networks in Canada. The Choom brand is inspired by Hawaii's "Choom Gang"—a group of buddies in Honolulu during the 1970's who loved to smoke weed—or as the locals called it, "Choom". Evoking the spirit of the original Choom Gang, our brand caters to the Canadian market with the ethos of 'cultivating good times'. Choom™ is focused on delivering an elevated customer experience through our curated retail environments, offering a diversity of brands for Canadians across a national retail network.

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