

## **Cresco Labs Announces Opening of 45<sup>th</sup> Nationwide Dispensary in Sarasota, FL**

CHICAGO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--December 17, 2021--**Cresco Labs** (CSE:CL) (OTCQX:CRLBF) (“Cresco Labs” or “the Company”), a vertically integrated multistate operator and the number one U.S. wholesaler of branded cannabis products, is expanding its Sunnyside brand in southwest Florida with a new store located at 8307 Lockwood Ridge Rd. in Sarasota. Sunnyside Sarasota marks Cresco Labs’ 13<sup>th</sup> Florida location and 45<sup>th</sup> nationwide store.

“We are excited to open Sunnyside Sarasota to continue to expand access to our branded products for Florida patients,” said Charlie Bachtell, Cresco Labs’ CEO & Co-founder. “This is our fifth new dispensary since entering Florida in April, and we expect to continue to expand across the state in the New Year so more patients have access to our products, which have proven to be some of the most popular in other states.”

Sunnyside Sarasota is centrally located in the city between Interstate 75 and the Sarasota Bradenton International Airport. The store is in University Square Plaza, one of Sarasota’s busiest shopping areas. Sarasota is renowned for its cultural institutes, notably the Ringling Museum of Art. It’s also the gateway to miles of beaches, such as Lido Beach and Siesta Key Beach.

Registered patients with a medical card have the option to place orders online through the Sunnyside.shop website or utilize next-day delivery. Delivery orders can be placed in store or by phone at 877-395-1009. Patients can also visit Sunnyside Sarasota to speak with wellness advisors for purchasing assistance. Regular store hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information about Sunnyside, visit [www.sunnyside.shop](http://www.sunnyside.shop).

### **About Cresco Labs Inc.**

Cresco Labs is one of the largest vertically integrated multistate cannabis operators in the United States, with a mission to normalize and professionalize the cannabis industry. Employing a consumer-packaged goods (“CPG”) approach, Cresco Labs is the largest wholesaler of branded cannabis products in the U.S. Its brands are designed to meet the needs of all consumer segments and comprised of some of the most recognized and trusted national brands including Cresco, High Supply, Mindy's Edibles, Good News, Remedi, Wonder Wellness Co. and FloraCal Farms. Sunnyside, Cresco Labs’ national dispensary brand, is a wellness-focused retailer created to build trust, education and convenience for both existing and new cannabis consumers.

Recognizing that the cannabis industry is poised to become one of the leading job creators in the country, Cresco Labs operates the industry’s largest Social Equity and Educational Development initiative, SEED, which was established to ensure that all members of society have the skills, knowledge and opportunity to work and own businesses in the cannabis industry. Learn more about Cresco Labs at [www.crescolabs.com](http://www.crescolabs.com).

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