



Media Advisory

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Washington Nationals to Visit the Capital Area Food Bank

Jerry Blevins and Craig Stammen will Prepare Healthy Snacks for Kids Cafe Participants

WHAT: The Washington Nationals will make their annual visit to the Capital Area Food Bank on **Monday, July 7**. Pitchers **Jerry Blevins** and **Craig Stammen*** will team up with children from Jubilee Housing Teen Renaissance to participate in CAFB's Kids Cafe to prepare healthy snacks that can be enjoyed while watching a baseball game. The Kids Cafe program provides free, healthy meals and snacks to more than 2,000 children and teens daily after school and over the summer at nearly 90 locations in the Washington metro area. According to a recent Feeding America study, Washington, D.C. ranks second in the nation for child hunger, and programs such as Kids Cafe provide nutritious food to kids in need to help combat the problem.

The visit precedes the annual Harris Teeter Food Drive, which will take place at Nationals Park **Saturday, August 2** and **Sunday, August 3** during the team's series with the Philadelphia Phillies. The annual food drive collects and distributes food donations to nearly 500,000 children, seniors and families struggling with hunger in the Washington metro area.

WHEN: Capital Area Food Bank Visit:
Monday, July 7, 2014
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

WHERE: Capital Area Food Bank – 4900 Puerto Rico Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20017

WHY: Nearly 700,000 residents in the Washington metro area are struggling with hunger, including 200,000 children. According to a study by the Capital Area Food Bank and Feeding America, hunger in the Washington metro area has increased in the last several years by over 25 percent. The Capital Area Food Bank, a member of Feeding America, is the Washington metro area's largest nonprofit food and nutrition education resource. To learn more, go to <http://www.capitalareafoodbank.org/>

VISUALS: Washington Nationals Players preparing and cooking food with Kids Cafe participants.

**Player appearances are subject to change*

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