

## **Media Advisory**

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## FEDERATION OF VIRGINIA FOOD BANKS CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK RECOGNIZE SEPTEMBER AS HUNGER ACTION MONTH

## Va. Governor Robert F. McDonnell will volunteer at ALIVE! food pantry on Sept. 27

What: The Federation of Virginia Food Banks and the Capital Area Food Bank are

recognizing September as Hunger Action Month by inviting Virginia elected

officials to spend time volunteering at a food bank on Sept. 27.

Who: --Virginia Governor Robert F. McDonnell

--Alexandria Councilmember Frank H. Fannon --Alexandria Councilmember Alicia Hughes

--Delegate Mark L. Keam --Delegate Mark Sickles

-- Lynn Brantley, CAFB President & CEO

When: Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2011

3:30 - 4:40 pm

Where: ALIVE Inc.

2723 King Street

Alexandria, VA 22302

Why: More than 600,000 Washington, DC metro area residents, including 200,000

children, are facing persistent hunger and malnutrition, a 25 percent increase in recent years. In Northern Virginia, over 217,000 people and 1 in 6 children are at risk of hunger. The CAFB, including its Northern Virginia Branch, provides individuals and families with nutrition education and outreach programs designed

to address the root cause of hunger.

The Capital Area Food Bank, founded in 1980, delivers 30 million pounds of food – half of which is fresh produce – annually to 480,000 individuals in the Washington, DC metro area. The CAFB takes a comprehensive approach to addressing hunger by increasing access to nutritious food, initiating change through skill-building and advocacy, and creating sustainability with outreach and training for those at risk of hunger. The CAFB is the metro area's largest public, nonprofit food and nutrition education resource.

In 1998, the CAFB opened the Northern Virginia Branch, a distribution center that serves 163 partner agencies in Alexandria City (21), Arlington County (14), city of Falls Church (3), Fairfax County (73), city of Manassas (5), and Prince William County (41) plus six additional agencies outside of its service area. For more information about hunger and nutrition issues, log on to CapitalAreaFoodBank.org.