

# The Capital Area Food Bank in Prince George's County, MD

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## What is the Capital Area Food Bank?

The Capital Area Food Bank is the region's largest hunger relief organization and the hub for food sourcing, food distribution and nutrition education across Greater Washington. In Washington, D.C. and its six surrounding counties, there are nearly 700,000 individuals at risk of hunger; about 150,000 are children.

In FY 2014, the CAFB distributed 42 million pounds of food —more than 35 million meals — to 540,300 individuals through direct service and a network of more than 500 partner agencies. The CAFB service area includes: *Washington D.C.; Montgomery County, MD; Prince George's County, MD; Fairfax County, VA; Prince William County, VA; Arlington County, VA; and The City of Alexandria, VA.* 





## Why we do the work: Hunger in Prince George's County

- In Prince George's County, 15.2 percent of residents (131,590 out of 865,724 individuals) struggle to get the food they need.
- 13.2 percent of children (27,210 out of 206,136 children) in Prince George's County lack sufficient access to healthy food.
- Many food insecure residents of the MD area have to make difficult choices between buying food and other necessities:
  - 67 percent of individuals served by the Capital Area Food Bank report having to choose between food and transportation;
  - $\circ$   $\,$  61 percent reported having to choose between food and housing.

#### Spotlight on the Community Marketplace at First Baptist Church of Glenarden

The CAFB's Community Marketplace provides low-income families with 30 pounds of free, fresh produce monthly in a farmer's market setting. The Maryland Marketplace is located in a high-needs community in the heart of Glenarden, MD and serves as a hub where residents learn about continuing education, job placement, health, and low housing opportunities from area service providers. The Marketplace encourages children and families to shop, learn, and play together while reinforcing the importance of healthy eating out of school.

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### How we do the work

*In FY 2014, the CAFB distributed 8.9 million pounds of food in Prince George's County through Partner Agencies and Direct Food Distributions.* 

Our **Partner Agencies** work on the ground to offer food from CAFB to neighbors in need; these partners include churches, food pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, senior programs, daycare centers and more.



**150** Partner Agencies in Prince George's County including SHABACH!, Emergency Resource & Empowerment Center, Jericho City of Praise Church and Reaching the World Ministries 37 Partner Agency leaders trained by CAFB this year to champion healthy eating in their community

These **Direct Food Distribution** programs complement the offerings of our partner agencies:



**32** Mobile Market Sites Serve 20,599 individuals each month



**19 Kids Afterschool Feeding Programs** *Serve 894 children daily* 



**1** Community Marketplace Site Serves 237 households each month



**21** Kids Summer Feeding Programs



**17** Weekend Bag Sites Serve 880 children each weekend



**2 Family Markets** Serve 300 families each month



**13** Senior Brown Bag Sites Serve 1,289 seniors each month

Our Nutrition Education courses accompany food distributed in the community.



Nutrition education 110 Prince George's County residents trained by CAFB this year in cooking, nutrition and food budgeting

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