



Media Advisory

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EMPTY BOWLS EVENT TOUR COMMENCES IN DUPONT CIRCLE Capital Area Food Bank Reveals Local Challenges to Nutrition Justice while Serving Soups from Area's Hippest Restaurants

What: Local pottery artists, businesses, restaurants and people who care about universal access to healthy food will kick off the Capital Area Food Bank's lunchtime event series *Empty Bowls* October 21, 2015. For a minimum donation of \$35, guests will savor delicious soups and bread and leave with unique, handcrafted bowls donated by local artists. Guests keep their bowls as a reminder of how they helped fill empty bowls in the community. All proceeds from the sale of the art bowls go directly to the CAFB. There will be two further events in this series in the Virginia and Maryland suburbs, the two areas where the CAFB operates in addition to the District of Columbia. Last year, the Capital Area Food Bank provided 42 million pounds of food to children, seniors and families in the Washington metro area, through 444 food assistance partner non-profits.

Who:

- Presenters: Scott Thuman, Senior Political Reporter for ABC News; Nancy Roman, President and CEO of the Capital Area Food Bank; Dorcas Dessaso, DC resident and beneficiary of CAFB's services
- Participating artists: Accokeek Foundation, Anne Meissner, Capitol Hill Arts Workshop, Clay Queen Pottery, DC Clay, Eastern Market Pottery, Eastern Mennonite High School, Elke Seefeldt, Emilie Britton, Hinckley Pottery, Jane Callen GlassArt, Jodi Walsh, Madison High School - Vienna, VA, Marissa Vahlsing, The Mud Hut, Paint Your Own Pottery – Fairfax, VA, The Sheridan School, Toby Rivkin, Wegmans, Wilson High School – Washington, DC, Workhouse Arts Center, 10,000 Villages – Alexandria, VA
- Food and drink provided by: Acqua al 2, Brookland's Finest, Corner Bakery Café, Del Frisco's Grille, Firefly, From the Farmer, Giant Food, Geppetto Catering, Panera Bread, Penn Commons, Purple Onion Catering, RIS, Teatism
- Sponsors: ABC 7/WJLA-TV and News Channel 8, The Bernstein Companies and United Therapeutics

When: **Wednesday, October 21, 2015**
11:30 AM – 2 PM

Where: **FHI 360 Conference Center**
1825 Connecticut Avenue NW, 8th Floor
Washington, DC 20009
Metro accessible, Dupont Circle station. Parking garages available in the vicinity.

Why:

- Hunger is here, right where we live. It affects every single neighborhood in our region. It impacts people of every age, race, religion, and ethnicity. And it hurts. Hunger robs children of a chance to learn, undermines health, and makes getting and holding good jobs hard.

Visuals: Over 400 original bowls created by local artists; local chefs serving soup; on-stage presentation emceed by television reporter Scott Thuman.

RSVP: To register visit capitalareafoodbank.org/empty-bowls

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The Capital Area Food Bank is the largest organization in the Washington metro area working to solve hunger and its companion problems: chronic undernutrition, heart disease and obesity. By partnering with nearly 450 community organizations in DC, Maryland and Virginia, as well as delivering food directly into hard to reach areas, the CAFB is helping 540,000 people each year get access to good, healthy food. That's 12 percent of our region's mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, sisters, brothers, and grandparents. To learn more, visit: capitalareafoodbank.org, or find the Capital Area Food Bank on Facebook at [facebook.com/CapitalAreaFoodBank](https://www.facebook.com/CapitalAreaFoodBank), and Twitter at [@foodbankmetrodc](https://twitter.com/foodbankmetrodc).