



Media Advisory

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EMPTY BOWLS EVENT TOUR CONTINUES IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA 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 come together for the second of three installments of the Capital Area Food Bank's lunchtime event series *Empty Bowls* on October 29, 2015. For a minimum donation of \$35, guests will savor delicious soups and breads 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 one more event in this series the following week on November 4 in Bethesda, Maryland, where the CAFB operates in addition to the District of Columbia and Northern Virginia. 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:** Larry Smith, Good Morning Washington anchor for ABC7/WJLA-TV and News Channel 8; Nancy Roman, President and CEO of the Capital Area Food Bank; Paty Funegra, founder of Capital Area Food Bank food assistance partner La Cocina VA in Arlington, Virginia.
- **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:** The Pub by Wegmans, Panera Bread, Walker's Grille, Great Harvest Bread Company, Thai Café, Houlihan's, Crossroads Bar and Grill at Embassy Suites, Hilton Hotels Catering, Chuy's Tex-Mex, Fireside, La Madeleine.
- **Host Sponsor:** Wegmans
- **Additional Supporters:** ABC 7/WJLA-TV and News Channel 8, The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, Hilton Hotels.

When: Thursday, October 29, 2015
11:30 AM – 2 PM

Where: Hilton Hotel – Springfield
6550 Loisdale Road
Springfield, VA 22150

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 300 original bowls created by local artists; local chefs serving soup; on-stage presentation emceed by television reporter Larry Smith.

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).