



## Media Release

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HARVEST FOR THE HUNGRY



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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

***Spring Forward Food Drive* benefits those served by  
the Capital Area Food Bank and the Maryland Food Bank  
Public asked to donate at Safeway super markets March 1 - 9**

WASHINGTON, DC, Feb. 27 – The Capital Area Food Bank with support from AARP will receive food for distribution to its 500 partner agencies from the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Harvest for the Hungry *Spring Forward Food Drive* to be held March 1 – 9.

Participants are asked to donate \$10 for pre-packaged bags of food at 123 Safeway supermarkets in the mid-Atlantic region, including approximately 80 in the area served by the Capital Area Food Bank. The bags will contain food banks' most sought after items such as tuna, peanut butter, canned vegetables, pasta and pasta sauce. The bags will be picked up by the Capital Area Food Bank. General donations of non-perishable food will also be accepted.

Harvest for the Hungry originated in Baltimore to benefit the Maryland Food Bank which partners with Safeway, AARP, the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland, WBAL- TV 11 and the U.S. Postal Service. Its campaign kickoff is scheduled for 10 am, Friday at Faith Community Church in Baltimore.

The drive comes at a critical juncture for the Capital Area Food Bank and the Maryland Food Bank and the hundreds of soup kitchens, pantries, shelters, schools and other community-based organizations to which they supply food.

**The Capital Area Food Bank**, founded in 1980, is a member of Feeding America and 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. For more information about hunger and nutrition issues, log on to [www.CapitalAreaFoodBank.org](http://www.CapitalAreaFoodBank.org)

#### **The Maryland Food Bank**

The Maryland Food Bank is a nonprofit hunger-relief organization, leading the movement to end hunger throughout Maryland. For more than thirty years, the Maryland Food Bank has partnered with communities across the state to distribute food to individuals and families in need. Through carefully-crafted programs, the food bank aims to meet the immediate needs of Marylanders while simultaneously working to find long term ways to reduce hunger statewide. Currently distributing 79,000 meals per day – nearly 29 million meals annually – the Maryland Food Bank will continue to expand its efforts until hunger ends. For information, contact Kate Sam, [sam@mdfoodbank.org](mailto:sam@mdfoodbank.org) or 410-926-7887 office, 410-926-7887 cell.