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CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK HOSTS TOPPING OUT CEREMONY FOR BEDFORD FALLS FOUNDATION FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION CENTER August 23rd at 4900 Puerto Rico Ave., NE

What: The Capital Area Food Bank celebrates a milestone in the construction of its new 125,000 square foot food distribution center by placing the last piece of steel into the frame of the building that will be called the Bedford Falls Foundation Food Bank Distribution Center. This procedure is known as “topping out” and is a strong indication that the project is on track for its completion date of June, 2012.

Who:

- Lynn Brantley, President and CEO of CAFB
- Elected officials from the Washington metro area who represent the region served by the CAFB – Washington, DC, Northern Virginia, and Prince George’s and Montgomery counties, Maryland (invited)
- William E. Conway, Jr. and his wife, Joanne, who donated \$5 million from their charitable trust, The Bedford Falls Foundation, to the CAFB’s capital campaign for construction of the new distribution center. Mr. Conway is co-founder and managing director of the Carlyle Group.
- Turner (construction) representative
- Epstein (architectural firm) representative
- Jair Lynch (development manager) representative

When: Tuesday, August 23, 2011; 11:30 am – 1 pm

Where: Capital Area Food Bank
Bedford Falls Foundation Food Bank Distribution Center
4900 Puerto Rico Ave, NE
Washington, DC 20017

Why: In order to meet the increased demand for food, the CAFB conducted a six-year campaign to build a new distribution center, allowing it to double its storage and transportation capacity over time. The CAFB completed its \$37 million capital campaign – ‘Til No One Is Hungry – last November and began construction early this year. Significant additional campaign support came from the District of Columbia’s Department of Housing and Community Development, the Marriott family, The Philip L. Graham Fund, the Pollin family, the Kresge Foundation, BP, and other major private donors.

The Capital Area Food Bank, founded in 1980, 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 CapitalAreaFoodBank.org.