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WASHINGTON NATIONALS VOLUNTEER AT THE CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK AND HELP PACK BAGS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

WHAT: Players from the Washington Nationals will make their annual visit to the Capital Area Food Bank as part of their continued efforts to address local hunger. Players will help pack and sort bags for the food bank's Weekend Bag Program, a service that provides 1000 children weekly with bags of food when they do not have access to school meals during summer months. The Nationals have also partnered with Harris Teeter to host a food drive benefiting the CAFB that will take place during the weekend series against the Colorado Rockies on Saturday, July 9 and Sunday, July 10. For those who can't make it to Nationals Park, Harris Teeter is accepting in-store collections of non-perishable items until July 19.

The Capital Area Food Bank, the metro area's hub for food sourcing and distribution in the hunger relief movement, has experienced a 25 percent increase in demand for food assistance over the past four years. In the District alone, one in two children is at risk of hunger.

WHO: ■ Washington Nationals Players

WHEN: **Wednesday, July 6**
12 – 1 PM

WHERE: **Capital Area Food Bank**
645 Taylor Street, NE,
Washington, DC 20017

WHY:

- Kids are going hungry – over 200,000 are at risk of hunger in the metro area
- Summer is a critical time since students are out of school and don't have access to school meals, which places an additional burden on struggling families
- Nearly 1 in 2 children under 18 in the District of Columbia is at risk of hunger

VISUALS: ■ Washington Nationals players packing and sorting food in CAFB warehouse.

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