



Media Advisory

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CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK HOSTS 31ST ANNUAL METROPOLITAN AREA HUNGER CONFERENCE

April 29 at Jericho City of Praise Church

- What:** The Capital Area Food Bank's 31st annual Metropolitan Area Hunger Conference will feature key speakers and workshops providing fundamental skills and knowledge needed to operate effective and efficient feeding programs. Training will include: safe food handling, volunteer recruitment and management, budgeting, fundraising, and accounting.
- Who:** Experts in food handling and distribution to meet increased hunger demands:
- Lynn Brantley, CAFB President & CEO
 - Mitzi D. Baum, Director of Capability Development, Feeding America
 - Reginald Winstead, Instructor of Food Protection Manager Certification Courses for the Restaurant Association of Metro Washington
 - Maureen Eccleston, Director of Volunteer Maryland
 - Adam Tenner, Executive Director of Metro Teen AIDS
 - Jodi Balis, Director of Nutrition Education at the CAFB
- When:** Friday, April 29, 2011; 8 am to 3 pm
- Where:** Jericho City of Praise
8601 Jericho City Drive
Landover, MD 20785
(The church has become one of the largest African American churches on the East Coast.)
- Why:** More than 600,000 metro area residents, including 200,000 children, are facing persistent hunger and malnutrition, a 25 percent increase since 2006. The CAFB provides individuals and families with nutrition education and outreach programs designed to address the root cause of hunger.

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.