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Capital Area Food Bank Partners with National Association of Letter Carriers Union on Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive *Kick-Off Scheduled for May 10*

Washington, D.C., May 10—Mark McCaffrey, Chief Operating Officer of the Capital Area Food Bank, today announced that the food bank will partner regionally with the National Association of Letter Carriers Union (NALC) on Stamp Out Hunger, the largest one-day food drive in the nation.

Letter carriers will collect non-perishable food donations left by residents outside mailboxes and in post offices, and deliver them to local community food banks, pantries and shelters. The Capital Area Food Bank has been the recipient of donations from this drive for the last several years and received 63,664 pounds of food last year.

McCaffrey said, “This year, as in the past, the Capital Area Food Bank gratefully acknowledges its partnership with the Letter Carriers Union and we are hoping to exceed last year’s total donation. It is no exaggeration to say that the contributions from this drive have nourished thousands of our community members over the years.”

According to a study by the CAFB and Feeding America released in early 2010, hunger in the Washington metro area has increased 25 percent since 2006. One out of every two children in the nation’s capital goes hungry every day – that’s 200,000 children in the Washington metro area.

To meet this growing need, the CAFB is distributing annually 30 million pounds of food, half of which is fresh produce, to 478,000 local residents last year through a network of more than 700 partner agencies.

In addition to the NALC, the food drive is sponsored by the United States Postal Service, Campbell’s Soup Company and Feeding America.

The Capital Area Food Bank, a member of Feeding America, was founded in 1980 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 Washington metro area’s largest public, nonprofit food and nutrition education resource.

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