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Battling Hunger Locally, Southern Peanut Farmers Federation to Donate over 30,000 Jars of Peanut Butter to Capital Area Food Bank

Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (D-Georgia) and Caleb Bristow of the Southern Peanut Farmers Federation to speak

Washington DC March 21, 2017 – The Southern Peanut Farmers Federation will be delivering 42,000 pounds of protein to hungry neighbors in the Washington metro area in the form of over 30,000 jars – a full truckload – of peanut butter on Tuesday afternoon.

“Protein is critical for growing strong bodies and minds,” said Nancy E. Roman, President and CEO of the Capital Area Food Bank. “Peanut butter is protein packed, and can really make all the difference for moms trying to get something nutritious onto the plate or into the hands of their kids”.

Peanut butter is a staple of the Capital Area Food Bank and is consistently on its “most wanted items” list because of high demand in the community. It serves as an important protein source for those served by the food bank and its network of partners each day.

“We have found that peanut butter is one of the most requested items by food banks nationwide”, said Caleb Bristow, Alabama Peanut Producers Association Executive Director and Southern Peanut Farmers Federation member. “Not only is it a high quality product, but it is full of nutrition and tastes great. On behalf of the Southern Peanut Farmer's Federation, representing peanut farmers all across the Southeast, we are excited and proud to have this opportunity to provide this donation to the Capital Area Food Bank.”

Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr., representative of Georgia’s second congressional district, will join Caleb Bristow in making remarks during the donation.

Donations from organizations such as the Southern Peanut Farmers Federation are essential to the food bank’s operations, and allow the Capital Area Food Bank to distribute 46 million pounds of food to its network of 444 partner nonprofits each year.

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About the Capital Area Food Bank

The Capital Area Food Bank is the largest organization in the Washington metro area working to solve hunger and its companion problems: chronic undernutrition, heart disease and obesity. By partnering with nearly 470 community organizations in DC, Maryland and Virginia, as well as delivering food directly into hard to reach areas, the CAFB is helping 540,000 people each year get access to good, healthy food. That’s 12 percent of our region’s mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, sisters, brothers, and

grandparents. To learn more, visit: capitalareafoodbank.org, or find the Capital Area Food Bank on Facebook at facebook.com/CapitalAreaFoodBank, and Twitter at [@foodbankmetrodc](https://twitter.com/foodbankmetrodc).

About the Southern Peanut Farmers Federation

Established in 1980, as the Peanut Advisory Board, Southern Peanut Growers was formed to educate American consumers about the U.S. peanut industry and its products. Southern Peanut Growers changed its name in 2009 to more accurately reflect the farmers it represents.

SPFF is comprised of the Alabama Peanut Producers Association, the Florida Peanut Producers Association, the Mississippi Peanut Growers Association and the Georgia Peanut Commission. These are the respective "check-off" organizations in each state. These states grow approximately 65% of the U.S. peanut crop. To learn more, visit: southernpeanutfarmers.org, or find the Southern Peanut Farmers Federation on Facebook at facebook.com/southernpeanutgrowers, and Twitter at [@PNutButterLover](https://twitter.com/PNutButterLover).

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