



Event Advisory

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USDA Challenges Federal Employees to Support Hunger Relief More Than Ever Before *Rally to Kick Off Feds Feed Families Campaign*

The Feds Feed Families campaign, led by the USDA, kicked off on June 1 and runs through August 31st. All Federal agencies, including Field components, are asked to participate in this effort that was begun under Obama's administration and has renewed focus under the leadership of recently appointed Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue.

"Hunger happens 24 hours a day, 365 days a year—but giving by the community is often highest between Thanksgiving and New Year's," said CAFB President and CEO Nancy E. Roman. "So Feds Feed Families helps us get the resources our neighbors need, when they're needed."

Since the campaign began in 2009, Federal workers have donated and collected nearly 57.2 million pounds of food and other non-perishable items to support families at risk of hunger across America. Last year, more than 17.9 million pounds of food were collected.

WHAT: The Capital Area Food Bank will host USDA officials and other federal employees to inspire a renewed collective effort. Additional information about the campaign: <https://www.capitalareafoodbank.org/feds-feed-families/>

WHEN: Wednesday June 7, 1:15-2:15 pm

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

WHO: Presentations by

- Roger Glendenning, Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Rural Development (USDA)
- Malcolm Shorter, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration (USDA)
- Jody Tick, Capital Area Food Bank Chief Operating Officer
- Vice Admiral Sandra Stosz, United States Coast Guard
- Berthina Jamison, Strategic Program Analyst, Department of Defense
- Gary Oppenheimer, CEO, AmpleHarvest.org
- Edna Primrose, Deputy Administrator for Operations and Management, Rural Development (USDA)

WHY: The Capital Area Food Bank serves 12% of the region's total population. Nearly half of those served by the food bank have high blood pressure or live with someone who does, and another quarter are diabetic or living with a diabetic. Feds have the power to build community wellness by prioritizing donations of the healthy items that those in need most often request. From beans to peanut butter, and tuna to granola bars, the full printable list of the [CAFB's Most Wanted Foods is here](#).

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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. The CAFB distributes 45 million pounds of food per year, fully one third of which is produce. By partnering with nearly 450 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](https://www.facebook.com/CapitalAreaFoodBank), and Twitter at [@foodbankmetrodc](https://twitter.com/foodbankmetrodc).