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Capital Area Food Bank Receives \$1 Million Donation to Distribute More Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Washington, DC, April 27 – Bill Conway, Co-Founder, Co-Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of The Carlyle Group, announced a \$1 million donation to the Capital Area Food Bank yesterday, citing the organization’s commitment to health and wellness. The announcement was made to a crowd of 900 at the CAFB’s 12th Annual Blue Jeans Ball, a restaurant tasting gala that raised over \$441,000 in addition to his gift.

Emphasizing the need for public/private partnerships to address hunger in our nation’s capital, Conway recognized the city’s significant commitment of funds to the CAFB facility; the CAFB’s retail food donors including Safeway, Giant, Harris Teeter and Wegmans; and the CAFB’s 469 food assistance partners--the pantries, shelters, residences and schools that distribute its food across Washington, Maryland and Virginia. The donation will be provided by the Bedford Falls Foundation, a private charitable trust established by Bill and Joanne Conway in 1997; the foundation previously made possible the CAFB’s move in 2013 to a newly constructed warehouse and office facility in Northeast D.C.

“This will allow us to reach more people with fresher food,” said Nancy Roman, the food bank’s CEO. “It will push produce even deeper into the reaches of our distribution area, as far out as Manassas and southern Prince Georges County.” In Washington and its six surrounding counties, there are nearly 700,000 people at risk of hunger; about 150,000 are children.

One third of the 42 million pounds of food that the CAFB distributes is fresh fruits and vegetables. Recognizing that 22 percent of households it serves have a family member with diabetes, and 48 percent a family member with high blood pressure, the CAFB accompanies its food with recipe cards, and classes on food budgeting, healthy shopping and cooking.

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The Capital Area Food Bank is the largest hunger relief organization in the Washington metro area, serving over 530,000 people through direct food distribution programs and a network of 469 food assistance partners. Last year, the CAFB distributed 42 million pounds of food – the equivalent of 35 million meals – one third of which was fresh fruits and vegetables. A member of Feeding America, the CAFB takes a comprehensive approach to addressing hunger by increasing access to nutritious food, and initiating change through skill-building and advocacy. To learn more, visit www.capitalareafoodbank.org, or find the Capital Area Food Bank on Facebook at facebook.com/CapitalAreaFoodBank, and Twitter at [@foodbankmetrodc](https://twitter.com/foodbankmetrodc).