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BUSBOYS & POETS FOUNDER ANDY SHALLAL JOINS WASHINGTON AREA'S LARGEST HUNGER RELIEF ORGANIZATION TO MOBILIZE NEXT GENERATION

Annual Hunger Summit Challenges Young Professionals to be Hunger Leaders

WASHINGTON, DC, May 5 – Policy makers, business leaders and over 350 community leaders from soup kitchens, food pantries and other non-profit service providers will gather Friday, May 15 at 8:00 am for the Capital Area Food Bank's annual Hunger Summit to discuss Hunger and the Next Generation.

"We absolutely must call on the next generation of leaders to help us reconnect food to wellness," said Nancy Roman, CEO of the Capital Area Food Bank.

Andy Shallal, founder and owner of Busboys & Poets and 2014 DC Mayoral candidate, will serve as the keynote speaker.

"It is a travesty that in our abundant society we still have people that have to go hungry," said Shallal. "It's not a matter of availability of resources; it's a matter of priorities."

Other speakers include:

- Erine Gray, 2014 TED Fellow, will discuss the new Food Bank Network - an online search engine connecting individuals to social service providers.
- Workshops generously made possible by Glen's Garden Market will include presentations from DC Central Kitchen, Gordy's Pickle Jar, Claggett Farm, Fruit Cycle and more.
- A new service fair will allow attendees to network and sign up for volunteer opportunities with Bread for the City, Brethren Nutrition Program, DC Hunger Solutions, DC Department of Health, Foodcorps and other local organizations.

"There is increasing recognition that lack of access to healthy food is a leading cause of diabetes and heart disease. Millennials particularly are interested in how their life's work can help to ensure all have access to nutritious food," Roman said.

This one-day Summit is open to the public and registration is free, but space is limited. Breakfast (donated by MENUS catering) and lunch will be provided. To register and learn more, visit cafbhungersummit.splashthat.com/.

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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 500 partner agencies. Last year, the Capital Area Food Bank 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, CAFB 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. To learn more, visit: www.capitalareafoodbank.org, or find the Capital Area Food Bank on Facebook at facebook.com/CapitalAreaFoodBank, and Twitter at @foodbankmetrodc.