



## Media Advisory

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### CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK PARTICIPATES IN THE D.C. FREE SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM

Funded by US Department of Agriculture

**Washington, DC**, May 20 – Following a long tradition, the Capital Area Food Bank today announced that it will once again provide a feeding program to children throughout the Washington metro area. The Summer Food Service Program, for which the food bank will be an acting program sponsor, is funded by the US Department of Agriculture. Meals will be provided to all eligible children free of charge.

Children who are part of households that receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits are automatically eligible to receive free meals. To be eligible to receive free meals at a residential or non-residential camp, children must meet the income guidelines listed below for reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program.

| Household Size                           | Reduced-Price Meals |        |       |
|--|---------------------|--------|-------|
|  | Year                | Month  | Week  |
| 1  | \$21,590            | \$1800 | \$416 |
| 2  | 29,101              | 2,426  | 560   |
| 3  | 36,612              | 3,051  | 705   |
| 4  | 44,123              | 3,677  | 849   |
| 5  | 51,634              | 4,303  | 993   |
| 6  | 59,145              | 4,929  | 1138  |
| 7  | 66,656              | 5,555  | 1282  |
| 8  | 74,167              | 6,181  | 1,427 |
| For each additional family member add... | \$7,511             | \$626  | \$145 |

According to the most recent hunger statistics provided by the 2010 U.S. Census, 14.3 percent of the 983,930 children who reside in the Capital Area Food Bank's service area of Washington, DC; Northern Virginia; and Montgomery and Prince George's counties in Maryland are at risk of hunger. In D.C. alone, 30.7 percent of the children are at risk of hunger.

During the school year, The Capital Area Food Bank operates afterschool and weekend meals programs called Kids Cafe® and Weekend Bag. Both of these programs fill meal gaps, supplementing school-based federal free or reduced price breakfasts and lunches. Kids Cafe provides afterschool snacks and dinners to children at risk of hunger Monday through Friday. Meal service is extended in the summertime with many sites offering daily breakfasts, lunches, snacks and suppers. Weekend Bag provides bags of pantry staples and fresh produce for children and their families over the weekend when school is out of session.

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. This year, the Capital Area Food Bank distributed 42 million pounds of food – the equivalent of 35 million meals – including 17.5 million pounds of 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](http://www.capitalareafoodbank.org), or find the Capital Area Food Bank on Facebook at facebook.com/ CapitalAreaFoodBank, and Twitter at @foodbankmetrodc.

Meals will be provided at the sites and times as follows:

| Site Name                        | Meal start time*  | Meal end time*    |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| The C.H.I.L.D. Center            | 7:00 AM, 12:00 PM | 8:00 AM, 1:00 PM  |
| Jubilee Housing Activity Zone    | 9:00 AM, 12:00 PM | 9:30 AM, 12:30 PM |
| Jubilee Housing Early Start      | 9:00 AM, 12:00 PM | 9:30 AM, 12:30 PM |
| Jubilee Housing Teen Renaissance | 9:00 AM, 12:00 PM | 9:30 AM, 12:30 PM |

\*All times approximate and subject to change

Acceptance and participation requirements for the Program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

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USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights

1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.

Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

or call toll free (866) 377-8642 (voice).

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