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EMPTY BOWLS EVENT TOUR CONCLUDES IN BETHESDA

Capital Area Food Bank Reveals Local Challenges to Nutrition Justice while Serving Soups from Area's Hippest Restaurants

What: Local pottery artists, businesses, restaurants and people who care about universal access to healthy food will come together for the third and final installment of the Capital Area Food Bank's lunchtime event series *Empty Bowls* on November 4, 2015. For a minimum donation of \$35, guests will savor delicious soups, breads and desserts and leave with unique, handcrafted bowls donated by local artists. Guests keep their bowls as a reminder of how they helped fill empty bowls in the community. All proceeds from the sale of the art bowls go directly to the CAFB. In late October, the event tour made two other stops in the District and Northern Virginia, where the food bank operates in addition to the Maryland suburbs. Last year, the Capital Area Food Bank provided 42 million pounds of food to children, seniors and families in the Washington metro area, through 444 food assistance partner non-profits.

Who:

- **Presenters:** Larry Smith, Good Morning Washington anchor for ABC7/WJLA-TV and News Channel 8; Nancy Roman, President and CEO of the Capital Area Food Bank; Dorcas Dessaso, beneficiary of CAFB's services
- **Participating artists:** Accokeek Foundation, Anne Meissner, Capitol Hill Arts Workshop, Clay Queen Pottery, DC Clay, Eastern Market Pottery, Eastern Mennonite High School, Elke Seefeldt, Emilie Britton, Hinckley Pottery, Jane Callen GlassArt, Jodi Walsh, Madison High School - Vienna, VA, Marissa Vahlsing, The Mud Hut, Paint Your Own Pottery – Fairfax, VA, The Sheridan School, Toby Rivkin, Wegmans, Wilson High School – Washington, DC, Workhouse Arts Center, 10,000 Villages – Alexandria, VA
- **Food and drink provided by:** Peet's Coffee, Honest Tea, Spring Mill Bread Company, Whole Foods, Summer House Santa Monica, Marla's Magic, 202 Artisanal Donuts, RW Restaurant Group, Cava Mezze, Paladar Latin Kitchen & Rum Bar, Mon Ami Gabi, Souper Girl, Soup Up Bethesda, 4935 Bar and Kitchen, Persimmon, Bethesda Blues and Jazz Supper Club
- **Host Sponsor:** CNSI
- **Additional Supporters:** ABC 7/WJLA-TV and News Channel 8, the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce, Bethesda Magazine.

When: Wednesday, November 4, 2015
11:30 AM – 2 PM

Where: Bethesda Blues and Jazz Supper Club
7719 Wisconsin Avenue
Bethesda, MD 20814

Why: Hunger is here, right where we live. It affects every single neighborhood in our region. It impacts people of every age, race, religion, and ethnicity. And it hurts. Hunger robs children of a chance to learn, undermines health, and makes getting and holding good jobs hard.

Visuals: Over 300 original bowls created by local artists; local chefs serving soup; on-stage presentation emceed by television reporter Larry Smith.

RSVP: To register visit capitalareafoodbank.org/empty-bowls

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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. 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).