



Media Advisory

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Food Bank Provides Food and Hope in the Wake of Tragic Explosion

WASHINGTON, DC, August 11th – In the aftermath of an explosion that injured several and displaced almost one hundred people from their homes, the Capital Area Food Bank delivered food and hope to victims of an explosion in Silver Spring today.

“Food is important every day of the week, and especially in moments when people are experiencing such a big loss,” said Nancy E. Roman, President and CEO of the food bank. “We’re glad that we’re able to be there for our community.”

The Capital Area Food Bank was approached by this morning by CASA de Maryland, for help in obtaining food for the victims of the explosion. In response, the food bank delivered 5,500 pounds of emergency supplies including prepared meals, watermelon, peanut butter and jelly, and hygiene products. The food bank also enlisted the help of Rockville-based Nourish Now, which promptly delivered 100 prepared meals.

The CAFB has alerted its network of food assistance partner non-profits in the area to be on alert to those in need of emergency help; it encourages those in search of housing, medical care, and other social services to consult its online [Food Bank Network](#).

Media interested in covering the delivery should contact Kirsten Bourne at the CAFB as outlined above.



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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, and Twitter at [@foodbankmetrodc](https://twitter.com/foodbankmetrodc).