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**Capital Area Food Bank received \$350,000 from  
*Our Family Foundation* by Giant Food**

*Grant to help support Family Markets, Weekend Bag and Fresh Produce Programs*

Washington, DC (August 1, 2016) – The Capital Area Food Bank recently received a \$350,000 grant from *Our Family Foundation* by Giant Food, LLC as part of their new three-year Fighting Child Hunger initiative to increase access to nutritious food for children in need of healthier diets. The Fighting Child Hunger Grant program at the Capital Area Food Bank impacted more than 16,000 youths in approximately 98 sites, and provided more than 1.5 million meals in 2015.

“Good food is essential for kids to grow and learn, but for many of the children we serve, there is no meal waiting at home,” said Nancy E. Roman, President and CEO of the Capital Area Food Bank. “Our partnership with Giant and *Our Family Foundation* is helping to change that.”

The Capital Area Food Bank nourishes families in Washington, Maryland and Northern Virginia at about 30 Family Market sites each year, where parents are provided with fresh fruit, vegetables, and other healthy groceries when picking their children up at school. Similarly, the food bank distributes Weekend Bags at about 50 sites, enabling children to leave school on Friday with kid-friendly groceries to ensure they have enough to eat when not at school.

“We are privileged to be a community partner in the mission to alleviate hunger in the Washington, D.C. area. Since our founding 80 years ago, giving back has been a cornerstone for our company,” said Gordon Reid, President of Giant Food of Landover, Md. “Our partnerships with many food banks and pantries across the region, including five Feeding America Food Banks in Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia, allow us to continue a shared commitment to combating hunger across the communities we serve. This new three-year grant supplements our existing efforts and increases our impact on childhood hunger in our region.”

**About the Capital Area Food Bank:**

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](http://capitalareafoodbank.org), or find the Capital Area Food Bank on Facebook at [facebook.com/CapitalAreaFoodBank](https://facebook.com/CapitalAreaFoodBank), and Twitter at [@foodbankmetrodc](https://twitter.com/foodbankmetrodc).

**About Giant Food:**

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