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UNTIL HUNGER ENDS.

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## **CFG Community Bank Gives \$20,000 to Help End Hunger**

*Donation helps fund School Pantry, Elect to End Hunger programs*

BALTIMORE— The Maryland Food Bank is pleased to announce that a \$20,000 gift from the CFG Community Bank will help fund and expand both its School Pantry and its Elect to End Hunger programs.

“CFG Community Bank’s contribution is a much needed component in the Maryland Food Bank’s mission to end hunger in Maryland,” said Deborah Flateman, CEO of the Maryland Food Bank. “This generous donation will help provide healthy and nutritious foods to some of Maryland’s neediest children and adults enabling them to not only function, but to thrive.”

The School Pantry program offers the parents of students from low-income homes access to school-operated food pantries. It served more than 10,000 families with 721,000 pounds of food during the 2010-2011 school year— an increase of almost 13 percent from the prior year.

Held annually, around the time of Maryland’s general election, the Elect to End Hunger program provides holiday boxes to families in need. Boxes contain turkeys and traditional holiday fare. In 2010, the campaign distributed more than 6,000 boxes. This year, its goal is to disseminate 8,000 boxes.

Studies show that approximately 466,000 Marylanders (or 12 percent of the state’s population) are considered “food-insecure” or hungry. Forty-five percent of these Marylanders are ineligible for federal food assistance and as a result must rely on organizations such as the Maryland Food Bank.

*The mission of the Maryland Food Bank is to lead the movement and nurture the belief that together we can improve the lives of all Marylanders by ending hunger. With facilities in Baltimore and Salisbury, the Maryland Food Bank is in its 32nd year of operation and distributed more than 14 million missing meals last year through its statewide network.*

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