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Margot Finn
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Dear Ms. Finn, Margot

Speaking on behalf of the Capital Area Food Bank Board of Directors, staff and volunteers, I would like to thank DLA Piper US for your tremendously successful 2007 Food Awareness Week Fundraiser. In all, DLA Piper and its employees raised \$16,000 and 1,206 lbs of food! These donations will provide over 48,000 meals in our community. Our ability to touch the lives of those at risk of hunger in the Washington Metropolitan Area is dependent on the commitment and generosity of partners such as yourself and DLA Piper US.

A just-published study revealed the startling fact that severe poverty has increased in our country and in the District. A higher concentration of severely poor people - 10.8 percent in 2005 - exists here than in any of the 50 states, topping even hurricane-ravaged Mississippi and Louisiana. Nearly six of 10 poor District residents are in extreme poverty, or living at or under \$10,000 annually for a family of four.

With your help, the food bank provides over 1.6 million meals each month to seniors, children, families, and individuals from diverse walks of life. To educate and empower those we serve, the Food Bank operates educational programs. We have a goal to build self-sustainability and work toward long-term solutions to hunger and poverty. All of this is possible with your generous and caring support.

Sincerely,
Lynn Brantley
President and CEO

For all that you make happen, we are truly grateful for all that you do!

Without any sense of caring, there can be no sense of community.
- Anthony J. D'Angelo -