

M&T donates \$200,000 to Maryland and Capital Area food banks

Baltimore and Washington, D.C.; May 5, 2020— M&T Bank will contribute \$200,000 to the Maryland Food Bank and Capital Area Food Bank to help the region's two largest hunger relief organizations purchase and distribute food to those impacted by the coronavirus outbreak and related economic crisis throughout Maryland and Greater Washington.

M&T, which has the most bank branches and ATMs in Maryland, committed to match funds – up to \$100,000 for each food bank -- raised during virtual food drives benefiting the two food banks. A virtual food drive for the Maryland Food Bank already has raised about \$500,000, with another opportunity to contribute planned for May 5 during the Giving Tuesday Now global charitable movement. The Capital Area Food Bank hopes to raise at least \$170,000 during an online fundraiser May 5.

The need for food in this region is dire. The Maryland Food Bank is distributing about 140,000 meals per day, compared with about 100,000 meals a day prior to the pandemic. The Capital Area Food Bank, which serves Montgomery and Prince George's counties in Maryland as well as Northern Virginia and the District of Columbia, already has purchased 100 truckloads of food – almost three times what it buys in a typical year – to keep up with demand from its partner organizations.

"Right now, the need for food is surpassed only by the need for health care," said Augie Chiasera, M&T's regional president for Greater Baltimore. "Since the demand is unlike anything we've seen before, the decision to again support the Maryland Food Bank and its mission to feed those who need help now was an easy one to make."

Since 2003, M&T Bank has contributed \$685,000 – including this latest donation -- to the Maryland Food Bank, which serves the Eastern Shore, Central Maryland and Western Maryland.

"Due to the current crisis, food is getting more expensive and harder to source," said Carmen Del Guercio, the Maryland Food Bank's President & CEO. "But thanks to the generosity of M&T Bank, we will be able to continue providing our community partners access to the food they need to ensure there is no gap in food assistance during this challenging and uncertain time."

Anyone interested in contributing to the Maryland Food Bank's virtual food drive can make an online donation or text "HUNGER" to 31996.

Donations to the Capital Area Food Bank's online fundraiser can be made on the food bank's website.

"M&T takes pride in understanding what is important to our customers, employees and the communities we serve," said Cecilia Hodges, M&T's regional president for Greater Washington. "We know that providing meals to those affected by this crisis is among the most important things our communities are facing right now."

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