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****Maryland Food Bank Hunger Brief****

**Maryland Food Bank, Volunteers to Pack Holiday Meal Boxes
for Families in Need**

BALTIMORE – In an effort to help lessen the burden of rising costs and economic uncertainty, the Maryland Food Bank (MFB) will once again team up with Guinness Open Gate Brewery and other community-minded corporate partners to host its annual Pack to Give Back holiday meal packing event on **Friday, November 4**.

Volunteer teams will gather under a tent at the Guinness Brewery in Halethorpe to pack thousands of meal boxes containing traditional holiday fixings like cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, and stuffing in the morning and the afternoon. Each box will be paired with a turkey and distributed at a later date through MFB's statewide network of soup kitchens, pantries, and shelters, ensuring happy holidays for many who might otherwise go without.

The cost of items within each box is underwritten by generous sponsors including Guinness Brewery, Enterprise Holdings, M&T Bank, and Transamerica. Altogether, more than **26,000 boxes** – each enough to feed a family of four – will be dispersed as part of this effort to feed Marylanders and provide hope this holiday season.

WHAT: The Maryland Food Bank's Pack to Give Back holiday meal packing event

WHEN: **Friday, November 4, 2022**
Packing begins at 10:00am and goes until approximately noon

WHERE: Guinness Open Gate Brewery - 5001 Washington Blvd, Halethorpe, MD 21227

Members of the media interested in covering these events should contact Patrick Severe at Patrick@maroonpr.com to RSVP. Photo and interview opportunities will be available.

About the Maryland Food Bank

The Maryland Food Bank (MFB) is a nonprofit hunger-relief organization dedicated to feeding people, strengthening communities, and ending hunger for more Marylanders. From March 2020 through the end of FY22, the food bank's statewide food assistance network distributed the equivalent of 100 million meals in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. MFB will continue to meet the immediate needs of vulnerable communities while collaborating with partners to provide resources beyond food and address root causes of hunger so that more Marylanders can become financially stable and thrive. To learn more about the Maryland Food Bank, visit www.mdfoodbank.org.

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