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CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE-TUNNEL ASSISTS FOODBANK WITH BIG GAME DAY BLITZ

CAPE CHARLES, VA – In an effort to help sack hunger on the Eastern Shore and in Southeastern Virginia, the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel will be partnering with the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia, and its branch, the Foodbank on the Eastern Shore, as it conducts a Big Game Day Food Blitz, beginning Friday, January 31 through Sunday February 2, 2014.

Toll collectors will be accepting non-perishable food items for the Foodbank at each of the toll plazas. “The employees and Commissioners of the CBBT are once again hopeful that this Food Blitz over Superbowl weekend will substantially increase non-perishable food stocks on both sides of the Bay that can be disseminated to those in need,” stated Jeff Holland, Executive Director of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel.

During the 2013 fiscal year, the Foodbank distributed over 14.2 million pounds of food to hundreds of thousands of children, seniors and families in Southeastern Virginia and on the Eastern Shore. The Eastern Shore branch of the Foodbank currently distributes over 1 million pounds of emergency food. Food donated at tollbooths on the Eastern Shore will remain at the Eastern Shore branch, while food donated at tollbooths in Virginia Beach will be utilized by the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia main location.

“The need is tremendous, with almost all of our food pantries reporting increased numbers of families seeking assistance,” said Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia Eastern Shore Branch Manager Charmin Horton. “We continue to see an increase over last year and anticipate even greater numbers.

About the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel

The Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel is a four-lane, 20-mile-long vehicular toll crossing of the lower Chesapeake Bay. The facility provides the only direct link between Hampton Roads, Virginia and the Eastern Shore of Virginia. The Bridge-Tunnel is operated by the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel District and governed by the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel Commission. For more information, please visit the website at www.cbbt.com.

About the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia

Since 1981, the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and its branch on the Eastern Shore, a member of Feeding America, formerly known as America’s Second Harvest - The Nations Food Bank Network, and the Federation of Virginia Food Banks, has been providing food for hungry children, working individuals, and the elderly.

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