

Congressman Rothman's Wife Volunteers with First Lady Michelle Obama at the Capital Area Food Bank

(Washington, DC) — Yesterday, Jennifer Rothman, wife of Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ), joined First Lady Michelle Obama in volunteering at the Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB). Mrs. Rothman, along with other volunteers, helped with CAFB's "Food for Kids" program, which packs bags of food for children who rely on free or reduced cost school meals. The day of service ensures that more than 1,000 kids, on the brink of hunger, get the nourishment they need.

"I was honored to join the First Lady in volunteering at CAFB and bringing much needed attention to the problem of hungry children throughout our country," said Mrs. Rothman. "Because of the high cost of living in New Jersey, one out five families does not earn enough to meet basic needs like housing, healthcare and food. Nearly 85% of these struggling New Jersey families have at least one family member who is working."

"I'm very happy that Jennifer could come to Washington to help Mrs. Obama draw attention to the reality of hunger in America," said Rep. Rothman. "My wife has dedicated much of her career to fighting hunger and poverty, and I am proud she was able to take part in today's event."

The Capital Area Food Bank is the largest, public nonprofit hunger and nutrition education resource in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area. Each year the CAFB distributes 20 million pounds of food, including 6 million pounds of fresh produce, to over 700 partner agencies. The Capital Area Food Bank was founded in 1980.

Jennifer Rothman is a long-time leader in the fight against hunger. She serves as Director of Communications for the Center for Food Action (CFA) in Englewood, New Jersey, which is the largest food bank operation in the state, and has worked there since 2003.

The Center for Food Action, founded in 1976, provides emergency food, rental and utility assistance, counseling, and advocacy to our neighbors in need in Bergen County and in the Upper Passaic Valley.

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