



**SPRING FOOD DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS**  
**PLEASE DONATE FEB. 21-MARCH 31, 2010**

**Brookside Gardens is joining with other organizations to collect food for the  
Capital Area Food Bank**

Please make a donation for those in need in our local community.

It's easy!

Put your donated items in the food bank collection boxes located in the lobby.

All items must be unopened and nonperishable. No glass jars please! We accept boxed and canned food, granola bars and travel-sized hygiene products.



***Brookside Gardens***

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Founded in 1980 on Martin Luther King Jr's birthday, we are the largest, nonprofit hunger and nutrition education resource in the Washington Metropolitan area. Since that time, we have made tremendous strides to expand our services and annually distribute 23 million pounds of food to more than 383,000 people through our invaluable network of partner agencies. We are committed to uplifting those in need, providing the best services possible and helping those who are without the means to help themselves.

#### SOME NOT-SO-FUN-FACTS ABOUT HUNGER

- In Montgomery and Prince George's Counties in Maryland, 1 in 5 children is at risk of or experiencing hunger. (U.S. Census, 2000)
- Nearly 1 in 3 children in Montgomery and Prince George's County public schools is eligible for free or reduced price meals. 1 in 5 lives below 185% of poverty. (U.S. Census, 2000)
- More than 246,000 residents in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties in Maryland are at risk of or experiencing hunger. Of these, over 40 percent live in Montgomery County, ranked 10th nationally for highest median household income. (U.S. Census American Community Survey, 2007 and U.S. Census, 2000)
- In the state of Maryland, approximately 900,000 residents are at risk of hunger at 185% of poverty.

**We especially need food items like peanut butter,  
pasta, canned soups and fruit, cereal and brown rice.**

**Thank you!**