



JUNE 5 HUNGER AWARENESS DAY BRINGS DIFFERENT FAITHS AND RELIGIONS TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP AT FOOD BANK IN ATLANTA

--Atlanta Community Food Bank Executive Director Bill Bolling to Keynote Event Along with Eight Metro Atlanta Faith Leaders—

ATLANTA (May 25, 2007)—The Faith Alliance of Metro Atlanta (FAMA) and The Atlanta Community Food Bank will join Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Boston, Phoenix and more than 170 cities across the nation on Tuesday, June 5, in celebrating **Hunger Awareness Day**, a national observance.

In Atlanta, hundreds will unite at the Food Bank on **Tuesday, June 5, at 7 p.m.** for a faith-based city-wide convocation titled *Faces of Hunger and Hope*.

The event is one of several different opportunities taking place throughout the city sponsored by the Food Bank that will allow the Metro Atlanta community to voice their support for ending hunger. Last year, Atlanta's interfaith convocation attracted more than 300 people of Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Islamic and Jewish faiths who gathered to pray, sing and raise awareness. This year's event will feature choral performances by *Harmony*, Atlanta's International Youth Chorus and special presentations from eight local faith-based leaders:

- **Imam Plemon El Amin, Atlanta Masjid of Al-Islam**
- **Monsignor Henry Gracz, Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**
- **Uma Majmudar, Vedanta Center**
- **Rabbi Irit Printz, Ahavath Achim Synagogue**
- **Josie Reynolds, Powder Springs Bahá'í Community**
- **Rabbi Ron Segal, Temple Sinai**
- **Khalid Siddiq, Al Farooq Masjid**
- **Imam Amjad Taufique, Masjid Al-Hedaya**
- **Dr. Keith Wood, Buckhead Christian Fellowship, Concerned Black Clergy**

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Now in its third year, the interfaith convocation has become a premier event, bringing together a variety of religious-based organizations, churches, temples, synagogues and mosques. Many of these groups partner with the Food Bank in providing sustenance for families, children, and individuals at soup kitchens, pantries, senior centers, after-school programs and daycare centers.

To date, the Food Bank annually distributes more than 23 million pounds of food to approximately 800 nonprofit organizations. More than fifty percent of these organizations are faith-based.

Created in 2002 by America's Second Harvest—a network of more than 200 food banks, Hunger Awareness Day has united communities in hundreds of cities across America. The day has become a chance for America to pause and spotlight a critical issue that can no longer be ignored.

“We invite everyone to come out to the ceremony,” said Bill Bolling, executive director of the Food Bank. “Hunger Awareness Day is the one time a year that all faiths can come together to focus on the hungry and poor.”

For more information about all of the Hunger Awareness Day activities in Metro Atlanta sponsored by the Food Bank visit ACFB.org.

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