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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

**EVENT: 2016 Campaign to End Hunger will occur on Saturday, October 1, 8am – 4pm at House of Mercy Business Complex**

### **House of Mercy hosts the 2016 Campaign to End Hunger to benefit Food Pantries throughout Northern Virginia**

The House of Mercy's sixth annual "Campaign to End Hunger" meal-packing event to feed the poor and malnourished will occur on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016. Beneficiaries of the food this year will be the St. Lucy Project of the Diocese of Arlington, and the Capital Area Food Bank, of which HOM is a member.

"This event will celebrate adults, kids, and groups who are coming together to support House of Mercy and to make a significant contribution of food available to the poor in the northern half of the Commonwealth," said Felice Hilton, Assistant Director of House of Mercy..

This year's fund raising event will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the House of Mercy Business Complex. The campaign goal is for volunteers to pack 40,000 meals, Cimini said. "We fell a little shy of the same goal last year, but still sent an adequate number of meals to Appalachia. I'm praying we'll have so many people who want to participate this year that we'll need to add one more shift."

The Campaign to End Hunger is the major fund raising activity each year for the House of Mercy. The fee to participate in a two hour work shift is just \$20. There are four time shifts available; 8am-10am, 10am-noon, noon-2pm., and 2pm-4pm. The fee covers the cost of food ingredients for the meals, supplies and shipping, as well as contributing to House of Mercy support and education programs, Cimini said. "Eighty six cents of each donation dollar House of Mercy receives goes back into our programs to support and serve the poor," she continued. Cimini suggested registering quickly. "Only 216 packing positions are available. Usually the 10 o'clock and noon shifts fill quickly," she said.

To register, visit the House of Mercy website at [www.HouseOfMercyVA.org](http://www.HouseOfMercyVA.org), select "Our Causes" and select "Registration..." in the second box. This will automatically navigate to the event page at "SignUp Genius". You may also register by visiting the House of Mercy in person, or mailing your request and check or credit card payment to the House of Mercy.

For more information about the House of Mercy, its Programs, or Campaign to End Hunger, email [help@houseofmercyva.org](mailto:help@houseofmercyva.org) or call 703-659-1636.

### **About the House of Mercy**

The House of Mercy is a Catholic-based humanitarian 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located in Manassas, Virginia. Founded by the Missionaries of Our Lady of Divine Mercy on January 6, 2005, the organization is dedicated to serving the poor, marginalized, and forgotten by sharing the message of God's mercy. The House of Mercy provides aid to serving the poor regardless of background, race, religious affiliation, physical ability, gender or ethnicity. It offers a variety of free programs to the community, including:

- Food Pantry
- Free and discounted clothing
- Thrift Store
- New Shoe Program for Kids
- Meal Packing (service project)
- English as a Second Language (ESL), GED Math, and Beginning Math
- Spiritual Formation Classes
- Christmas Assistance

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### **CAPTION:**

The 2016 Campaign to End Hunger to benefit the House of Mercy will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2016. Meals packed during the one day event will be distributed to the poor and malnourished in Northern Virginia. The fee to partner with us for two hours is only \$20.