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Dear Customers,

A recent study by Feeding America found that over 1,012,500 Virginians are considered "food insecure". A large number of these individuals are children, senior citizens, disabled adults and the new face of hunger - individuals who have lost their jobs and are having problems making ends meet. The places where food fills a critical need for Virginia's hungry are the state's seven regional food banks. Summertime is typically one of the most challenging times for food banks in Virginia, especially with the number of children who are out of school and do not have access to before- and after-school feeding programs.

The face of hunger has changed. No longer is it just the homeless man on the street reaching out for a helping hand, but every day millions of people are struggling to feed their families. No one is a stranger to the economic hardships of today. Statistically, 1 in 5 American children go to bed hungry each night.

Last year, the 1st Governor's Bowl campaign's extraordinary success was a result of unprecedented collaboration between Virginia businesses, Chambers of Commerce, and state government agencies. The Virginia Board of Accountancy WON the award as the agency with most per capita pounds raised.

The 2nd annual Governor's Bowl started on Memorial Day (May 28) and is ending on the 4th of July, 2013. It is a friendly competition to fill the cupboard at Virginia's food banks for the summer, when school children are at home and need our help with meals. Ending hunger starts with each of us, and Virginia's civic and business leaders.

The Virginia Board of Accountancy is a small state agency (10 staff) that wants to help in a big way. In addition to staging a drive for non-perishable food items for donation to the Central Virginia Food Bank, the Virginia Board of Accountancy is sponsoring fund-raising activities, two of which are a gift card raffle and silent auction for gift baskets/goods. We are also asking for your online donations directly to the Central Virginia Food Bank.

Will you help and make a donation to our campaign?

Sincerely,

Wade A. Jewell
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