

The Venable Foundation, Inc. Awards \$100,000 Grant to the Maryland Food Bank, the Largest Charitable Food Provider in Maryland

Washington, DC – The Venable Foundation, Inc., the philanthropic arm of Venable LLP, is pleased to announce it awarded the Maryland Food Bank (MFB), the largest charitable food provider in Maryland, a grant of \$100,000. The grant will support MFB's food distribution operations, technology upgrades, and Lawyers' Campaign Against Hunger, which is an annual fundraiser to distribute meals.

Core to the MFB's operations are its statewide food procurement and food distribution efforts, including the School Pantry Program, which provides children and their families vital nutrition in a school setting; HEART Markets, or pop-up farmer's market-style distribution events; Supper and Summer Clubs, which supply meals for youth to ensure food reliability outside of school hours; FoodWorks, a culinary workforce development program; and the Pantry on the Go Program, which provides bulk food deliveries to locations without access to fresh and nutritious food.

Venable Foundation President Lindsay Meyer said, "With hundreds of thousands of Marylanders facing food insecurity, we know there is no more vital cause than the fight to end hunger. We believe in the work that the Maryland Food Bank does, and we proudly continue to support their efforts."

The Venable Foundation was honored by MFB as one of its Heroes Against Hunger recipients and received the Powerhouse Partner

of the Year award in 2018.

The Maryland Food Bank is dedicated to feeding people, strengthening communities, and ending hunger for more Marylanders by partnering with local organizations from the state's western mountains to the Eastern Shore. The food bank's statewide network of food assistance brings enough resources together to provide the equivalent of 110,000 meals every day (more than 40 million meals annually) to hungry children, seniors, veterans, and hard-working families, meeting the immediate needs of hungry Marylanders while simultaneously working to create pathways out of hunger. For more information, visit <https://mdfoodbank.org/>.

The Venable Foundation, Inc. was established in 1983 to support a wide variety of charitable, civic, and cultural endeavors, and serve public interest law needs in our communities. In the past 10 years, the Venable Foundation has granted more than \$25 million to worthy organizations that provide critical support to those in need. These include children's services and funding for disadvantaged families and individuals; homeless shelters and food programs; community organizations, hospitals, hospices, and local chapters of national health organizations; and educational, artistic, and cultural events and organizations. The Foundation is funded by the partners of Venable LLP.