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Comptroller Franchot Presents Food On The 15th With Schaefer Award

*Howard nonprofit feeding vulnerable seniors since
2006*

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (October 14, 2020) - Comptroller Peter Franchot has virtually presented the Howard County [William Donald Schaefer Helping People Award](#) to Food on the 15th. Founder Julie Rosenthal accepted on behalf of the all-volunteer organization that has delivered more than 40,000 free bags of groceries and toiletries to low-income seniors.

"Julie took a learning experience for her own young children and developed it into a program that has stood the test of time and helped thousands of vulnerable seniors," Comptroller Franchot said. "Food insecurity impacts people of all ages and Food on the 15th is raising awareness and providing to those in need, while giving youth an opportunity to support their communities. Their humanitarian work embodies the principles of William Donald Schaefer, the late Baltimore mayor, governor and Comptroller."

Food on the 15th partners with local schools and businesses to acquire, pack and distribute food and personal hygiene products to seniors at pre-selected locations. [Donations and volunteers](#) are always welcome.

View the virtual ceremony [here](#).

Since 2012, Comptroller Franchot has annually traveled to each of Maryland's 24 jurisdictions to honor an individual or organization serving their community. This year, all Schaefer Award presentations will be held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Individual press releases will be sent announcing each of the honorees, along with a link to view the virtual ceremony.

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