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## City First Bank Closes \$20 Million Loan to Expand Capital Area Food Bank Facility

**(Washington, DC, November 23, 2010)**...City First Bank today announced that it recently originated a loan of \$20 million to the Capital Area Food Bank to finance expansion of a new warehouse, office and food distribution facility in Northeast Washington. City First originated the loan through its New Markets Tax Credit Program (NMTC) that leveraged several sources including the District's Department of Housing and Community Development and equity from an affiliate of JP Morgan Chase.

As a result of the City First loan, the Capital Area Food Bank will be able to more than double the amount of food distributed each year from 20 million currently to 43 million pounds because of its expanded facilities. The new facility will:

- Increase the warehouse square footage from 40,000 to 100,000 sq. ft.
- Increase the amount of refrigeration space from 20,000 cubic feet to 250,000 cubic feet
- Increase the amount of office space from 6,000 sq. ft. to 25,000 sq. ft., and
- Will create 15 to 20 new jobs in a low-wealth community.

"This NMTC financing makes it possible for the Capital Area Food Bank, one of the region's most effective anti-hunger organizations to operate more efficiently and dramatically grow its impact and serve more people in need," said Dorothy Bridges, CEO of City First Bank.

Bridges noted that NMTC program allows City First to invest in large scale projects that can transform low income communities and provide tremendous benefit to residents, including delivery of vital goods and services and job creation. Some of the other projects financed by City First include the new facility owned by Bread for the City and neighborhood landmarks such as THEARC, Atlas Performing Arts Center and Tivoli Square.

The NMTC Program, established by Congress in December 2000, permits individual and corporate taxpayers to receive a federal tax credit for making qualified equity investments in community development entities (CDE's), which are formed to finance NMTC-eligible

investments. The credit provides to the investor 39 percent of the cost of the investment and is claimed over a seven-year period

**About City First**

City First Bank of DC is a nationally chartered commercial bank with a mission to provide financial and other services in low to moderate income communities. With assets of \$156 million, loans of \$105 million, and deposits of \$126 million, the bank targets neighborhoods east of 16th Street including far SE and NE Washington and other economically challenged suburban communities. Last year, in excess of \$25 million in loans were originated, 100% of which was for development in low and moderate income neighborhoods. City first has been certified as a Community Development Financial Institution by the CDFI Fund of the US Department of Treasury and has won three rounds of authority under the New Markets Tax Credit Program totaling \$230 million. City First operates its sole branch at 1432 U Street, NW, Washington, DC

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