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**Maryland Seafood Festival Supports Community Charities**

**July 5, 2011—Annapolis, MD—** The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Maryland Seafood Festival is proud to announce a number of new community non-profit groups that will enrich the festival, while benefiting the programs they serve.

The Maryland Seafood Festival will be held on September 10 & 11 at Sandy Point State Park and will welcome The Maryland Food Bank, Boy Scout troops from Annapolis and Kent Island, Arundelair Chorus of Sweet Adelines, Foundation for Community Betterment, The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, The Anne Arundel Animal Shelter, The Annapolis Jaycees, The Annapolis Lacrosse Club, Old Mill Steel Drum Band, Friends of Navy Hockey and the Eastport Yacht Club Foundation.

“The Maryland Food Bank is a proud partner of the Maryland Seafood Festival and we encourage festival attendees to bring a non-perishable food item to the event,” said Deborah Flateman, CEO of the Maryland Food Bank. “You will receive a two-dollar admission discount at the gate and have the advantage of knowing your donation will help the nearly half-a-million Marylanders in need of food assistance.”

Last year’s event had a huge turnout of more than 18,000 people, and this year’s attendance is anticipated to surpass that number.

To purchase tickets at a discounted price of \$12, go to [www.mdseafoodfestival.com](http://www.mdseafoodfestival.com). Enjoy the great food, great entertainment including national headliners and regional favorites, all supporting a good cause!

**About The Maryland Seafood Festival**

The 44<sup>th</sup> Maryland Seafood Festival will take place September 10<sup>th</sup>- 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at Sandy Point State Park. The festival has been an annual Annapolis tradition for the past 43 years and features great food, music, exhibits, arts and crafts and so much more!

**About ABC Events**

The festival is run by ABC Events, Inc., an expert event planning company with more than ten years experience. From small corporate golf events, charity fund-raisers and sporting events, to large multiple day festivals, ABC events has the expertise to execute a diverse array of events. The ABC Events team is comprised of festival specialists with experience and knowledge in logistics, marketing, entertainment, and food and beverage management.