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***Performing for the Future: Local Children's Dance Competition to Raise Funds for the Capital Area Food Bank and Up and Coming Not-For Profit***

WASHINGTON – A new not-for-profit organization in the D.C. area, *Centre International pour L'enfant et La Mere* or *The International Center for Children and Mothers* announced today that it would partner with the Capital Area Food Bank to host a fundraising event.

"Getting children involved in helping their community at a young age is so important. With the food bank's partnership, this event is now a truly global event," said Mariam Breant, founder and CEO of C.I.E.M.

The event will be hosted by Breant, and will consist of musical performances by local children's groups as well as other young singers and performers in the area. The lineup of performers will include local children's groups \_\_\_\_\_. The event will take place on \_\_\_\_\_ located at the \_\_\_\_\_. All ticket sales and proceeds will benefit the Capital Area Food Bank and C.I.E.M.

Breant, a highly recognized singer on the Ivory Coast, created C.I.E.M. to raise awareness and increase aid to Seguela's hospital in Ivory Coast, which is in extremely poor condition and has a very large number of child patients. The Capital Area Food Bank is a local organization that is committed to serving hungry children and their families in the D.C. metropolitan area. Both organizations have decided to partner to in order to focus on helping children both at home and abroad.

The competition will be judged by dance veterans \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. The winning dance team will win the title of \_\_\_\_\_. Tickets go on sale \_\_\_\_\_ for \$\_\_\_\_, and they will also be sold at the door.

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*CIEM is a nonprofit organization striving to improve the lives of both women and children in the Ivory Coast. It seeks to address their physical, emotional, and education needs. This project aims to bring comprehensive, high quality health care to the CHR hospital of Seguela. Through this project, and with the assistance of the American Medical Foundation, the hospital will obtain much needed medical supplies, be taught how to use them, and undergo repairs.*

*The Capital Area Food Bank is the largest, public nonprofit hunger and nutrition education resource in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area. Each year the CAFB distributes 20 million pounds of food, including 6 million pounds of fresh produce, to over 700 partner agencies.*