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Feeding America Southwest Virginia Second Culinary Arts Training Cohort Graduates

WHAT: Feeding America Southwest Virginia's second cohort of Culinary Arts Training students will graduate from the 12-week training program on Tuesday, January 15 at 10 a.m.

This cohort, supported by the Johnson Foundation and SunTrust, has spent the past 12 weeks learning entry-level culinary skills at FASWVA's Community Solutions Center facility in Northwest Roanoke. As part of their hands-on training, they have been preparing fresh meals for the food bank's after-school children's feeding programs.

The students complete the program with skills enabling them to obtain employment in restaurants, hotels, or catering businesses. They are also well-positioned to start their own culinary businesses.

WHEN: Tuesday, January 15 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Community Solutions Center – 2328 Melrose Ave., Roanoke VA

WHO: Representatives of Feeding America Southwest Virginia
Anita Price, City of Roanoke Councilwoman
Community Solutions Center Council Members
Culinary training students, families and friends

About Feeding America Southwest Virginia

Feeding America Southwest Virginia was founded locally in 1981 and proudly commemorates 37 years of fighting hunger and changing lives through community partnerships. For the last three and a half decades, the Food Bank's ultimate mission has remained the same: eliminate hunger in the region. The primary function of the Food Bank is to secure and distribute large quantities of food for Southwest Virginia's hungry. Approximately \$26.5 million worth of food and grocery related products are channeled annually through a network of more than 330 partner feeding programs in our 26-county, 9-city region that provide food or meals to those in need. The local Food Bank is an affiliate member of Feeding America. Visit www.faswva.org for more information or like us on Facebook.