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Bank of America and Food Bank of Delaware Unveil Brand New Community Nutrition and Education Vehicle

Volunteers distribute food to 100 pre-registered Wilmington families

Wilmington, Del. (Jan. 30, 2015) – Bank of America and the Food Bank of Delaware unveiled a brand new Community Nutrition and Education vehicle this morning at an event outside Bank of America’s downtown Bracebridge complex. In addition to unveiling the truck, Bank of America presented the food bank with a \$75,000 to help support day-to-day operations of the truck. This is in addition to a \$150,000 investment from the company last year to support the purchase of the truck, allowing the Food Bank to deliver food to families in rural areas or those living in a city where convenient access to a grocery store can be a challenge.

“Individuals continue to struggle to provide basic necessities for their families, including food and shelter. In fact, 1 and 5 Delaware children live in poverty,” said Chip Rossi, Delaware market president, Bank of America. “One of the ways Bank of America can make a difference is by continuing our long-time and ongoing support of the Food Bank of Delaware. Our investments will allow the Food Bank to expand its food delivery and educational services to reach families in our area that need this support most.”

The truck unveiling and check presentation was held in conjunction with a mobile food distribution for more than 100 families from Wilmington, including families from the Community Education Building (CEB). Bank of America donated the building to the Longwood Foundation in 2012 for the purpose of creating the CEB, which currently houses two schools. Twenty Bank of America employee volunteers distributed emergency meal boxes filled with nonperishables, frozen items, baked goods and more.

“This truck is significant to our operations and to the food security of Delawareans,” said Food Bank of Delaware President and CEO Patricia Beebe. “In order to alleviate hunger in our state, we must think outside the box. This truck will enable us to develop creative strategies to feed and educate more in our community. From feeding children during the summer months to providing hands-on training opportunities for our Culinary School students, this truck allows us to focus on two major priorities – feeding children and workforce development.”

The 26-foot-long Community Nutrition and Education vehicle is a multi-purpose truck that features a generator, roll-out grill, portable water tank and canopy. The new truck will enable the hunger relief organization to host mobile summer meal distributions for children, provide students from The Culinary School at the Food Bank of Delaware an opportunity to sell food and hold cooking demonstrations at community events, distribute food through other mobile distributions and more.

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The Food Bank of Delaware distributes millions of pounds of food and grocery products each year to 550 hunger-relief partners throughout the state and also provides thousands of meals a month for children through the After-School Feeding Program, the Summer Food Service Program and the Backpack Program. The Food Bank’s hunger-relief programs directly provide for Delawareans at risk of going without meals each year. For more information about the Food Bank of Delaware, visit www.fbd.org or call (302) 292-1305.