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Chase presents \$58,000 to Food Bank of Delaware in support of Culinary School

Wilmington, Del. (August 28, 2014) – Chase presented a \$58,000 donation to the Food Bank of Delaware yesterday at La Fia Bakery + Bistro + Market to help continue supporting The Culinary School, the food bank's 14-week culinary employment training program

The success of The Culinary School is dependent on both corporate and culinary partnerships. To highlight these partnerships, the check presentation was held at La Fia. Since opening its doors in the LOMA section of Wilmington in March, La Fia has played an active role in developing The Culinary School's students. Most recently, Owner/Chef Brian Sikora hired Culinary School graduate Andrew Morley on a full-time basis.

"We are proud to support The Culinary School," said Sikora. "I've enjoyed getting to know Andrew as an apprentice and now a full-time employee. Supporting our community is what we are all about at La Fia."

"Small businesses are a key engine of job creation, and JPMorgan Chase helps connect small businesses – and local residents - with the resources they need to grow," said Daryl Graham, Vice President, Global Philanthropy, JPMorgan Chase. "We are proud partners to the Food Bank and First State Community Loan Fund because of their focus on growing our local economy and increasing job opportunities in the City of Wilmington."

"We were happy to be able to offer a loan to La Fia, which provided some of their startup capital. They've been great borrowers," said Vandell Hampton, President and CEO of First State Community Loan Fund. "Connecting with the Food Bank has been good for La Fia, as it has enabled them to identify top caliber employees as the business grows."

Since its inception in 2002 The Culinary School has graduated close to 400 students. The mission of The Culinary School is two-fold. First, students are taught skills that are highly desirable to employers in the food industry. Second, these newly-developed skills have the potential to lead to jobs in the industry that provide job security and economic sustainability.

"We can always count on Chase to help ensure that Delawareans have the job skills training needed to find sustainable employment," said Food Bank of Delaware President and CEO Patricia Beebe. "Thanks to their support we will be able to provide 10 Delawareans with scholarships to attend our training program. Our graduate, Andrew, was recently hired full-time here at La Fia. He is a great example of the wonderful opportunities that exist through our program."

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About the Food Bank of Delaware:

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.

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