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**Delaware Anti-Hunger Coalition announces
ENDING HUNGER! (Through Citizen Service) Conference**

Newark, Del. (February 19, 2013) – The Delaware Anti-Hunger Coalition, an affiliate of the Food Bank of Delaware, announced today that registration is now live for its first ever ENDING HUNGER! (Through Citizen Service) Conference scheduled for Monday, April 15 at the Christiana Hilton.

The all-day conference, sponsored by the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, will focus on ways to increase access to and participation in children’s nutrition programs, innovative strategies for providing more nutritious foods and recruiting and applying volunteer talent. The conference’s panels will feature representatives from both state and federal government agencies, education, nonprofit, agricultural and other community-based sectors.

Confirmed speakers include U.S. Senator Tom Carper, Lt. Governor Matt Denn, First Lady Carla Markell, Delaware Health and Social Services Cabinet Secretary Rita Landgraf, Deputy Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services - U.S. Department of Agriculture, Dr. Janey Thornton, Delaware Market President - Bank of America, Chip Rossi and more.

“We are thrilled to be organizing this day-long conference providing key strategies to alleviate, and ultimately, eliminate hunger in the First State,” said Delaware Anti-Hunger Coalition Committee Chairwoman Julie Miro Wenger. “The Anti-Hunger Coalition has teamed up with anti-hunger advocates to provide a meaningful day full of dialogue, and most importantly, ways to take action.”

“A day focused on ending hunger is important in Delaware where we rank number three in the nation for highest percentage of residents who cannot afford food,” said Food Bank of Delaware President and CEO Patricia Beebe. “From advocacy and policy efforts to school-based child nutrition and government nutrition programs, the day will feature information for all interested in playing an active role in ending hunger. The programs are available to end hunger in the First State; we now just need the will of the community.”

When: Monday, April 15, 2013; 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Where: Christiana Hilton, 100 Continental Drive

Registration: Registration is \$25/person and includes a continental breakfast and lunch

Agenda:

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| 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. | Registration and continental breakfast |
| 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. | Opening remarks and welcome |
| 9:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. | Panel: Advocacy and Policy Efforts to Increase Participation to End Hunger |
| 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 a.m. | Panel: How to Recruit and Apply Volunteer Talents |
| 12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. | Lunch and exhibit session |

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1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Concurrent panel sessions:

School-Based Child Nutrition Programs

Government Nutrition Programs

Connecting Local Agriculture to Community-Based Programs:

Farm to Table

3:20 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Panel: Meet the Funders

Complete panel descriptions and speakers, registration and more information can be found at <http://deantihungercoalition.wordpress.com>.

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About the Anti-Hunger Coalition: The Coalition is comprised of representatives from the nonprofit, business, government, education, faith-based and agricultural sectors. The Coalition works to identify goals, objectives and measurements and make significant contributions towards alleviating, and in many cases eliminating, hunger in the state of Delaware.