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### **Delaware organizations encouraged to build structures out of cans to help alleviate hunger**

**Newark, Del.** (February 6, 2017) – The Food Bank of Delaware announced today that registration for the fifth annual CANgineering competition is now open. Organizations have until March 3 to register for the food drive and structure-building contest.

CANgineering supports the year-round hunger relief efforts of the Food Bank of Delaware. With more than 117,000 Delawareans relying on the services of the Food Bank's network of partners each year, community support is critical.

"Our youth group has been a regular participant in the Food Bank CANgineering contest for the last three years," said Irfan Patel of the Zakat Foundation. "Both our kids and group mentors always look forward to this contest every year. This project also brings out the best in our group's creativity. And helping others has never been so much fun."

After the holiday season, donations are down during the spring and summer months. The competition is a creative way to collect much needed food and create a spirited competition in Delaware's business and education communities. Last year, companies made a variety of structures including a piggy bank, truck, light house, castle and more.

"Bank of America is committed to alleviating hunger in the First State," said Chip Rossi, Delaware Market President for Bank of America. "CANgineering allows us, and many other companies in Delaware, to help with this important issue while also providing a fun team-building experience for our employees."

During the next two months, registered organizations and schools will have the opportunity to hold food drives and compete to create structures out of the food items collected. Before collecting, teams should decide on their structure and coordinate the types of food items to be collected.

"The structures that Delaware organizations have created over the past four years have been outstanding," said Food Bank of Delaware President and CEO Patricia Beebe. "The judges look forward to seeing this year's creations that will ultimately help stock the shelves of Delawareans who are struggling to put meals on the table. Last year's competition brought in a whopping 69,811 pounds of food. This is 27,970 pounds more than the 2015 competition. We hope to exceed this total in 2017!"

Judging will take place on Monday, April 24 and Tuesday, April 25 and winners will be announced on Friday, April 28. For complete competition guidelines or to register, visit [www.fbd.org/cangineering](http://www.fbd.org/cangineering). Questions regarding the competition may be directed to Food Bank of Delaware Donor Relations Manager Caitlin Custer at (302) 292-1305 ext 253 or [ccuster@fdb.org](mailto:ccuster@fdb.org).

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*The Food Bank of Delaware distributes millions of pounds of products each year to its network of 575 hunger-relief program partners throughout the state and also provides thousands of meals a month for children through the After-School Nutrition Program, the Summer Food Service Program and the Backpack Program. The Food Bank's hunger-relief programs provide for Delawareans at risk of going*

*without meals each year. The Culinary School at the Food Bank of Delaware, the Food Bank's workforce development arm, provides training for adults interested in careers in the food service industry. For more information about the Food Bank of Delaware, visit [www.fbd.org](http://www.fbd.org) or call (302) 292-1305.*