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Food Bank of Delaware to host second annual DelawareCAN competition

Newark, Del. (August 13, 2012) – The Food Bank of Delaware announced today that registration for the second annual DelawareCAN competition is now open. Organizations have until September 5 to register for the food drive and structure-building contest.

In an effort to help stock the food bank’s shelves and ensure that hungry Delawareans have access to healthy foods, the Food Bank of Delaware launched DelawareCAN last year. The competition is a creative way to collect much needed food and create a spirited competition in Delaware’s business community.

“The energy created within DuPont during our participation in the first annual DelawareCAN event quickly built bridges across the many DuPont sites,” said Bill Short, civil engineering technology leader at DuPont. “The donations from the hundreds of local DuPonters allowed our volunteers to come together as a team to build the structure and a sense of community that lasted long after the food was donated.”

From Monday, September 24 until Friday, October 19, organizations will have the opportunity to hold food drives and compete to create sculptures out of the food items collected. Before collecting, teams should decide on their structure and coordinate the types of food items to be collected. Last year’s competition brought in more than 30,000 pounds of food.

“Last year, JPMorgan Chase and our 5,900 employees from across Delaware joined the food bank to help feed our community members in need and participate in a terrific event,” said Scott Lammers, Chair, Delaware Volunteer Leadership Group, JPMorgan Chase. “The food drive contest was a tremendous success, and we look forward to being a part of DelawareCAN again this year.”

“The response we received from Delaware’s business community in the first year was wonderful,” said Food Bank of Delaware President and CEO Patricia Beebe. “The enthusiasm levels from this competition made it very clear to me – Delawareans understand the problems of hunger in our state and are committed to making a difference in the lives of those struggling to put meals on the table.”

Judging will take place on Monday, October 22 and 23 and winners will be announced on Monday, October 29. For complete competition guidelines or to register, visit www.fbd.org/delawarecan. Questions regarding the competition may be directed to Food Bank of Delaware Development Director Larry Haas at (302) 294-0185 or lhaas@fd.org.

For information on participating in next year’s DelawareCAN competition, please contact Larry Haas, Food Bank of Delaware Development Director, at (302) 294-0185 or lhaas@fd.org.

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The Food Bank of Delaware distributes between seven and 10 million pounds of food and grocery products each year its network of 508 hunger-relief program 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 241,600 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.