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Entries for Coming Together Multimedia Creative Challenge due April 3

Newark, Del. (Mar. 5, 2015) – The Food Bank of Delaware and Brae's Brown Bags' are encouraging Delaware students to use their creativity to help spark community change. Entries for the first-ever Coming Together Multimedia Creative Challenge are due April 3.

Delaware students in grades 1-12 are able to submit posters, YouTube videos (students over the age of 13) and essays (5th-12th graders) focusing on food insecurity, food recovery/food waste and healthy eating.

Finalists' entries will be on display at the Coming Together conference, Delaware's first anti-hunger conference for both adults and children, on Monday, May 4.

Prizes will be given to the top three selections in each design theme category and in each age group. Age groups will be divided into elementary (1-4), middle school (5-8) and high school (9-12 grades). Each finalist will be awarded a prize, certificate and the honor of their entry being displayed at a statewide conference.

"I think what I want most out of the conference and this design challenge is for kids to think about what it really means to be hungry," said 11-year-old Braeden Mannering, founder of Brae's Brown Bags. "I want them to imagine how it feels and how we can fix it if we all work together. For me it is to help all people have a chance to eat healthy. I want kids to know they don't need a cape to be a super hero. Sometimes you just need the right pen or colored pencil or just the right creative idea. I want to see the kids in Delaware, all ages, join forces to fight hunger."

Mannering, along with a panel of community members, will be judging the entries based on originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme. Only one entry per student and each entry must be the work of only one student. Artist signatures or initials are only allowed on the back of the poster. Each entry must be accompanied by a signed release form.

"We are so thrilled to be partnering with Braeden. Braeden shows that regardless of age, we can all make a difference. We are hoping that other students will follow Braeden's lead and work to make impactful change in our community."

Complete rules for the Coming Together Multimedia Challenge can be found at <http://www.fbd.org/comingtogethercontest/>. Tickets for the May 4 conference are on sale. Adult tickets are \$40 until April 17. For more information about the conference, visit www.fbd.org/comingtogether.

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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.

About Brae's Brown Bags: The 3B Brae's Brown Bags Foundation was founded by Braeden Mannering at the age of 9-years-old. Braeden's ultimate goal is to make sure all people have access to healthy food regardless of their socio-economic status. 3B is helping to spread awareness about the social injustice of food insecurity in Delaware, the United States and across the world. Basic 3B bags are packed with clean water, three healthy snack items and an encouraging note from Braeden which includes contact information low-income and homeless populations can use to get further assistance. For more information about Brae's Brown Bags, visit www.braedenquinn.com or call (302) 544-0779.