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### Food Bank of Delaware declares winners of fifth annual CANgineering competition

**Newark, Del.** (May 1, 2017) – An Etch-A-Sketch, Mr. Celery, a farm scene, state of Delaware replica and other structures made of nonperishable foods were among the winners of the Food Bank of Delaware’s fifth annual CANgineering competition.

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 its fifth annual CANgineering competition in early March.

The competition provided a creative way to collect much-needed food and create a spirited competition in Delaware’s business and educational communities. Companies held food drives and competed to create sculptures out of the food items collected. In total, the Food Bank of Delaware received 41,079 pounds of food and \$21,419.14, the equivalent of 93,115 total pounds. The option to donate money put the drive over the top this year – generous employees from Barclays donated the bulk of monetary donations.

“Traditionally, donations drop after the holiday season,” said Food Bank of Delaware President and CEO Patricia Beebe. “Spring is a critical season as we work to stock the shelves of our partner agencies as we head into the summertime months. With kids out of school, families will have to stretch already tight budgets to provide meals that are traditionally served at school. The CANgineering competition brings much needed resources as we head into a busy time of year. We are thrilled about this year’s competition and the creativity of all of the participants.”

The following organizations were declared winners by the Food Bank of Delaware’s panel of judges today. The “People’s Choice Award” was chosen by the Food Bank of Delaware’s Facebook fans.

- Best Use of Labels – **DiSabatino Construction:** American flag
- Best Use of Most Needed Items – **Chase – Ogletown/Iron Hill Campus:** Mining scene
- Best Meal – **Barclays:** Etch-A-Sketch
- Most Creative – **Bank of America:** Barn scene
- People’s Choice Award – **Chase – Walnut Street location:** Wilmington Blue Rocks Mr. Celery\*
- Best in Show – **Red Clay Consolidated School District:** State of Delaware
- Bounty Award – **Barclays** - *a total of 57,800 pounds of food and cash equivalent*

“As a proud supporter of the Food Bank of Delaware, Barclays set an ambitious goal this year to donate the equivalent of 50,000 pounds of food in non-perishable items and monetary donations,” said Jocelyn Stewart, Director of Community Investment at Barclays. “I am thrilled that our colleagues worked together to surpass this goal, helping to feed thousands of hungry Delawareans. This truly reflects the incredible dedication and passion our colleagues have for making a difference in the community.”

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The following organizations/schools/groups participated in the fifth annual CANgineering competition:

- Centerville Layton School
- Wilmington Montessori School
- Chase – Powder Mill Road campus
- Capital One
- Chase – Walnut Street campus
- Barclays
- DiSabatino Construction
- Red Clay Consolidated School District
- Immanuel Church on the Green
- MDavis
- Ashland
- Bank of America
- Chase – Ogletown/Iron Hill campus
- Chase – Christiana Campus
- Delaware State Housing Authority
- Giant Food – Millville

For information on participating in next year's CANgineering competition, please contact Caitlin Custer, Food Bank of Delaware Donor Relations Manager, at (302) 292-1305 ext 253 or [ccuster@fbd.org](mailto:ccuster@fbd.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.*