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FOOD BANK OF DELAWARE RECEIVES \$10,000 GRANT ON BEHALF OF BAHAMA BREEZE IN NEWARK

Donation Supports Organization's Mission to Alleviate Hunger in Delaware

NEWARK, DEL. (May 10, 2017) – Food Bank of Delaware has been selected by the Bahama Breeze in Newark to receive a \$10,000 grant from the Darden Foundation, the charitable arm of the restaurant's parent company, Darden Restaurants.

The donation will support the Food Bank of Delaware's goals to alleviate hunger for the more than 114,000 food insecure Delawareans. For every dollar donated, the Food Bank can provide two meals to households in need.

"This \$10,000 grant will do a lot of good in the community," said Food Bank of Delaware President and CEO Paricia Beebe. "On behalf of our organization and those we serve, we greatly appreciate how the Newark Bahama Breeze and the Darden Foundation worked to make this possible. Thanks to this generous donation, we will be able to provide 20,000 meals to families in need."

Nationally, all 36 Bahama Breeze locations recently participated in a sales competition to determine which nonprofits would receive \$10,000 grants. The top location in each of the restaurant's five regions were able to select a benefiting nonprofit, making for a combined donation of \$50,000.

"At Bahama Breeze, we're passionate about helping our local communities thrive," said Michael Link, general manager of the Newark location. "Our team members are proud to help Food Bank of Delaware make a difference in the lives of those who need it most."

For additional information about the Food Bank of Delaware visit www.fbd.org. To learn more about Bahama Breeze, visit www.BahamaBreeze.com.

About the Food Bank of Delaware

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 or call (302) 292-1305.

About Bahama Breeze

Bahama Breeze brings the feeling of a Caribbean escape, offering the food, drink and atmosphere found in the islands. The brand is known nationally for popularizing many Caribbean-inspired foods in the United States. The Bahama Breeze menu features familiar favorites, including seafood, chicken and steak, accented with the flavorful

and colorful ingredients you'd find in the islands and reflecting the growing popularity of Caribbean and Latin flavors. For more information, visit www.BahamaBreeze.com.

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