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Food Bank of Delaware to hold Dinner in the Orchard at T.S. Smith & Sons

Bridgeville, Del. (August 17, 2017) – The quiet, secluded, pastoral setting of an old-fashioned orchard sets the stage for Dinner in the Orchard, a benefit for the Food Bank of Delaware.

The event, open to the public, is planned from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 7 at T.S. Smith & Sons in Bridgeville. The dinner will take place under the farm's pavilion located off Orchards End (entrance is located off Route 13 across from Goodwill)

Ticket holders will enjoy farm-fresh foods from Sussex County farms prepared by students from The Culinary School at the Food Bank's Milford Branch, craft beer, fine wines, plus live entertainment from The Swing Noteables. This year's meal will be served family-style.

"We are thrilled to partner with T.S. Smith & Sons on our fifth annual Dinner in the Orchard event," said Chad Robinson, Milford Branch Director. "This event is one of our favorites. There is nothing like the peaceful orchard, carriage rides from Circle C Outfit and farm-fresh foods! We are looking forward to showing off the skills of our Culinary School students and supporting Sussex County farmers through a fresh, local menu."

"TS Smith & Sons is honored to be hosting this fundraiser to benefit the Food Bank of Delaware's Milford location," said Charlie Smith, fourth generation farmer and partner, T.S. Smith & Sons. "We are happy to do our part to end hunger close to home."

Executive Chef Tim Hunter and Chef Tish Badamshin have planned a seasonal menu including friend shrimp with pink grapefruit and avocado over arugula, striped bass with orange saffron butter on braised fennel, grilled corn fritters and more.

Tickets are just \$30 per person. For more information, call 302-444-8074 or visit www.fbd.org/orcharddinner.

Sponsors for the evening include: *Presenting:* T.S. Smith & Sons; *Platinum:* Chesapeake Utilities Corporation; *Gold:* Trinity Foundation; *Silver:* Carl M. Freeman Foundation; Ma & Pa's Produce

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About the Food Bank of Delaware:

The Food Bank of Delaware distributes millions of pounds of products each year to its network of 536 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.