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

Bridgeville, Del. (August 20, 2015) – 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. 3 at T.S. Smith & Sons in Bridgeville.

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 from Mispillion River Brewing, fine wines, plus live entertainment from The Swing Noteables.

"We are thrilled to partner with T.S. Smith & Sons on our third annual Dinner in the Orchard event," said Chad Robinson, Milford Branch Director. "The evening is the perfect way to kick off the unofficial end-of-summer Labor Day weekend. 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."

The evening opens with appetizers, including gazpacho topped with Old Bay shrimp, fried eggplant with honey, prosciutto pinwheels and more. The entrees include fried chicken, grilled steak, poached salmon with watercress and peaches and black bean tacos with guacamole. There will be an abundance of side dishes, such as potato and zucchini hash, bourbon bacon slaw, corn and tomato salad, and fusilli with broccoli, red beans and roasted tomatoes.

No dining experience is complete without dessert, and the Food Bank's Executive Chef Instructor Tim Hunter and the students will prepare blackberry cantaloupe salad and watermelon salad.

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

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The Food Bank of Delaware distributes millions of pounds of food and grocery products each year through a network of 620 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 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.