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**J.G. Townsend Jr. & Company donates close to 60,000 pounds
of frozen produce to Food Bank of Delaware**

Georgetown, Del. (Mar. 18, 2015) – The Food Bank of Delaware announced today that J.G. Townsend Jr. & Company has donated close to 60,000 pounds of frozen black-eyed peas, green peas and beans to its statewide hunger-relief efforts.

The donation filled close to 6 Food Bank of Delaware trucks. The bulk produce will be individually-packaged as part of the food bank's new Produce Access Program. The program's aim is to more fruits and vegetables to low-income Delawareans. This initiative shifts the organization towards a more proactive food sourcing strategy and commits additional resources to ensure a better, more consistent supply of produce.

Food Bank of Delaware volunteers will bag up the donated produce in to 6"x10" pouches. The bags are placed into coolers to ensure proper temperature control while they await the vacuum sealer. Once they are sealed, labels are affixed to the bags with information about the product, the food bank's address and cooking instructions. Volunteers take the finished bags and pack them into cases before they are brought back into the freezer for temporary storage.

"Everyone at J.G. Townsend is once again excited to be able to partner with the Food Bank of Delaware," said Owner Lloyd Richter. "We look forward to a long-lasting relationship in the fight against hunger in our state."

"We are so thankful for J.G. Townsend Jr. & Company's generosity," said Food Bank of Delaware Milford Branch Director Chad Robinson. "The donation is our largest since launching our new Produce Access Program. We hope J.G. Townsend's kindness will inspire other local growers and processors to assist with our efforts to alleviate hunger in the state."

For more information about the Food Bank of Delaware's new Produce Access Program, please contact Matt Talley, Produce Access Program Coordinator, at (302) 292-1305 ext 249 or mtalley@fbd.org.

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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.