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Food Bank of Delaware and T.S. Smith & Sons celebrate season's harvest with Dinner in the Orchard

Bridgeville, Del. (August 19, 2013) – The Food Bank of Delaware and T.S. Smith & Sons will celebrate the harvest season with their second annual Dinner in the Orchard event on Thursday, September 12 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at T.S. Smith & Sons' farm in Bridgeville.

The evening will feature fresh foods straight from local farms, beer, wine and entertainment from jazz band, the Swing Notables. Food for the evening will be prepared by students from The Culinary School at the Food Bank's newly-expanded branch in Milford. The event will take place in a pavilion located in one of the farm's many fruit orchards. Circle K Outfitters will provide carriage rides of the farm. Proceeds benefit the Food Bank of Delaware's Milford branch expansion project.

Construction on the 2.6 million dollar expansion project began last September. The newly-expanded branch includes a full-sized industrial kitchen to house The Culinary School and a volunteer room to increase hunger-relief programming in Kent and Sussex Counties. A grand opening will take place on September 20.

"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 and hope for another sold out event like last year."

"Last year's event was incredibly successful," said Milford Branch Director Chad Robinson. "The food was absolutely delicious, and it was a great opportunity to not only gather with fellow community members, but also raise money for a very worthwhile cause – alleviating hunger in Kent and Sussex Counties. We're excited to show off the skills of our culinary students, while also showcasing fresh foods that are grown right here in our own backyard."

Tickets for the event are \$50/person. The price includes dinner, wine, beer and entertainment. To purchase tickets, please contact Kim Turner at (302) 444-8074 or kturner@fbd.org. Online registration and directions to the event are available at www.fbd.org/orcharddinner.

Event sponsorships are still available. To learn more about event sponsorship, contact Turner. The following organizations have signed up to sponsor: **Gold:** Accessible Home Builders; **Silver:** Harrington Raceway & Casino; **Bronze:** BASF Corp.; Betts and Biddle Eye Care; Muncie Insurance and Financial Services; Subway of Milford

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The Food Bank of Delaware distributes millions of pounds of food and grocery products each year through its network of 477 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 directly provide for 241,600 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.