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Food Bank of Delaware to host community forum with candidates

Newark, Del. (August 11, 2014) – Just in time for the September primary, the Food Bank of Delaware will host Food for Thought, a conversation with candidates running for state legislature, on Thursday, August 21 at its Newark facility.

“Sponsoring this policy discussion is very important for the health and food security of all Delawareans,” said Food Bank of Delaware President and CEO Patricia Beebe. “We take very seriously the role of educating our elected officials and candidates for political office and providing an opportunity for them to process, learn and ask questions regarding hunger and nutrition issues.”

Food for Thought will offer local candidates running for the Delaware State Senate and House the opportunity to voice their stance on issues related to food insecurity, poverty and nutrition. Following brief prepared remarks by the candidates, the floor will be opened to the public for a question and answer session.

Food for Thought aims to educate the community before heading to the polls on September 9 and raises awareness of how legislation affects day-to-day service to hungry people throughout the state and how community members can change the shape of legislation through their political involvement.

When: Thursday, September 21, 2014; 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Where: Food Bank of Delaware, 14 Garfield Way, Newark

Agenda:

- 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. – Breakfast and networking
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:10 a.m. – Welcome and remarks from candidates
- 9:10 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. – Audience Q&A

Confirmed candidates:

- Jeff Porter (Candidate, State House 12)
- Paul Baumbach (Incumbent, State House 23)
- Matt Lenzini (Candidate, State House 15)
- Steven Newton (Candidate, State House 22)
- Bryan Townsend (Incumbent, State Senate 11)
- Lynne Newlin (Candidate, State House 11)
- John Mackenzie (Candidate, State House 22)

To attend Food for Thought, please register by contacting Ashley Michini, Food Bank of Delaware Policy & Advocacy Coordinator, at (302) 292-1305 ext. 206 or amichini@fbd.org. Space is limited. Complementary continental breakfast will be provided. A similar forum will take place at the food bank’s Milford facility on Wednesday, September 3 at 8:00 a.m.

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The Food Bank of Delaware distributes between seven and 10 million pounds of food and grocery products each year through its network of 550 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 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.