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JPMorgan Chase associates pack 30,000 meals for children and seniors

Wilmington, Del. (May 20, 2013) – Five-hundred associates from JPMorgan Chase spent Friday evening packing 30,000 meals for children and seniors as part of Chase's commitment to alleviating hunger in the First State.

The volunteer event took place as part of the Wilmington Grand Prix weekend festivities. While 200 cyclists competed against the clock and cobblestones of Monkey Hill, Chase volunteers packed more than 4,000 bags of food for the Food Bank of Delaware's children's Backpack Program and more than 20,000 meals for seniors at risk of hunger.

The Backpacks will be distributed to area schools, while the senior meal boxes will be distributed to at-risk seniors through the Wilmington Senior Center and Ministry of Caring.

The packing event took more than three hours to complete, and associates were joined by Congressman John Carney and State Representative Ed Osienski.

"I am amazed by the number of meals packed by this great group of volunteers from Chase," said Food Bank of Delaware President and CEO Patricia Beebe. "It really took teamwork to make sure all of the meals were completed in time. Chase's commitment demonstrates that it takes an entire community to serve the one in four Delawareans who depend on our network of hunger-relief services."

"In Delaware and across the country, Chase employees are passionate about helping their fellow community members and I'm proud to work beside them each and every day," said Tom Horne, General Manager at Chase Card Services

"This great event gave AARP an opportunity to increase awareness of the threat of hunger among older Delawareans," said Lucretia Young, AARP State Director. "We enjoyed the opportunity to collaborate with the Food Bank of Delaware and Chase to reach so many dedicated volunteers and others who want to help."

Chase will organize a second meal packing event as part of the Dover race weekend festivities. On Sunday, June 2, race fans will pack 1,000 senior meal boxes inside the fan zone at Dover International Speedway.

About the Food Bank of Delaware

The Food Bank of Delaware distributes between seven and 10 million pounds of food and grocery products each year through a network of 508 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 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.

About AARP Foundation

AARP Foundation is working to win back opportunity for struggling Americans 50+ by being a force for change on the most serious issues they face today: housing, hunger, income and isolation. By coordinating responses to these issues on all four fronts at once, and supporting them with vigorous legal advocacy, the Foundation serves the unique needs of those 50+ while working with local organizations nationwide to reach more people, strengthen communities, work more efficiently and make resources go further. AARP Foundation is AARP's affiliated charity. Learn more at www.aarpfoundation.org.

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