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### **Food Bank of Delaware Announces New Workforce Development Program – Delaware Food Works**

**Newark, Del.** (July 16, 2018) – With the introduction of two new workforce development programs this fall in warehousing and agriculture (L.O.G.I.C. and F.A.S.T.), the Food Bank of Delaware announced today its new initiative, Delaware Food Works.

Delaware Food Works is a workforce development initiative of the Food Bank of Delaware. Its mission is to eliminate food insecurity through workforce development, social entrepreneurship and small business incubation. Social entrepreneurship and small business incubation will coincide with the Food Bank's move to 222 Lake Drive in Newark in spring of 2019.

Through Delaware Food Work's workforce development programming, Delawareans can receive the training needed for a new career in as little as 11 weeks. Specialized one-day and one-week training is also available.

Delaware Food Works consists of three areas – food service, warehousing and agriculture.

#### **Food Service:**

- **The Culinary School:** 14-week daytime training program that prepares students for entry-level employment in the food service industry. The next session of The Culinary School begins Tuesday, September 4. Class meets Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Scholarships are available.
- **ManageFirst:** Daytime curriculum is designed for individuals working in the food service industry who are interested in attaining additional skills to increase their pay and positions. Session two of this summer course begins Monday, July 23.
- **ServSafe®:** One or two-day training in the principles of food safety presented by registered ServSafe® instructors. The next class takes place at the Food Bank in Newark on August 27.

#### **Warehousing:**

- **L.O.G.I.C. (Logistics, Operations, General Warehousing and Inventory Control):** 11-week training program that prepares students for careers in the warehousing/logistics industry. Class takes place at the Food Bank's warehouse in Newark. The pilot class begins Monday, September 10. Class meets Monday-Friday from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Scholarships are available through the Delaware Department of Labor for 10 students.

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## **Agriculture:**

- **F.A.S.T. (Farm and Agriculture Skills Training):** Class takes place on the Corteva Agriscience Farm at 222 Lake Drive in Newark with the Food Bank's Farm Manager. This 14-week program meets three days per week (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., and class begins Monday, October 29. Scholarships are available.

“The Food Bank of Delaware is more than just a warehouse that accepts and distributes food to meet the emergency food needs of Delawareans,” said Food Bank of Delaware President and CEO Patricia Beebe. “We are working to eliminate hunger by providing Delawareans with the job and life skills they need to obtain and keep jobs that pay sustainable wages. Delaware Food Works houses all of our workforce development programs and future programming related to social entrepreneurship and small business incubation when we move to our new home at 222 Lake Drive. The possibilities are truly endless in what we can do with Delaware Food Works to not only make our organization self-sustaining financially, but to give community members the tools needed to lift themselves out of poverty.”

To learn more about Delaware Food Works, visit [www.fbd.org/delawarefoodworks](http://www.fbd.org/delawarefoodworks).

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### **About the Food Bank of Delaware:**

The Food Bank of Delaware distributes millions of pounds of products each year to its network of 536 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 Grab and Go Program and the Backpack Program. The Food Bank of Delaware provides community outreach through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC). Financial literacy coaching through \$tand By Me and nutrition education are also offered to empower Delawareans. Delaware Food Works, a workforce development initiative of the Food Bank of Delaware, provides training for adults interested in careers in the food service industry, warehousing/logistics and agriculture. For more information about the Food Bank of Delaware, visit [www.fbd.org](http://www.fbd.org) or call (302) 292-1305.

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