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FOOD BANK OF DELAWARE RECEIVES \$7,000 DONATION FROM THE DARDEN FOUNDATION

Newark, Del. (July 25, 2018) — The Food Bank of Delaware announced today a \$7,000 grant from The Darden Foundation to assist in their efforts of providing help to people facing hunger.

The generous unrestricted grant will allow the Food Bank to allocate funds in areas the community needs the most, such as food for children and seniors.

“One in eight people struggle with hunger in Delaware, including more than 34,000 children,” said Food Bank of Delaware President and CEO Patricia Beebe. “Hunger does not discriminate and there are many children, families and seniors who turn to our food bank for help. The Darden Foundation’s donation will go a long way for the people in our community.”

The Food Bank of Delaware works every day to provide healthy food for the people of Delaware. Last year, through its network of 536 partners, the Food Bank distributed more than 7.5 million pounds of food to Delawareans struggling to put meals on the table.

The Darden Foundation is committed to supporting families facing food insecurity in communities across the United States. Their commitment to help is demonstrated through their partnership with Feeding America and their network of 200 food banks across the nation. Local Darden restaurants include Olive Garden, Cheddar’s Scratch Kitchen, Longhorn Steakhouse and Bahama Breeze.

Feeding America has worked alongside The Darden Foundation for six years in the fight to end hunger. Thanks to their ongoing support, the Feeding America network has been able to help provide even more nutritious meals to families in need.

To learn more about Feeding America, visit www.feedingamerica.org.

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 or call (302) 292-1305.

About Darden Restaurants and The Darden Foundation

Darden is a restaurant company featuring a portfolio of differentiated brands that include Olive Garden, LongHorn Steakhouse, Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen, Yard House, The Capital Grille, Seasons 52, Bahama Breeze and Eddie V's. Our people equal our success, and we are proud to employ 180,000 team members in more than 1,700 restaurants. Together, we create memorable experiences for 380 million guests each year in communities across North America. The Darden Foundation works to bring to life our spirit of service through its philanthropic support of charitable organizations across the country. Since 1995, The Darden Foundation has awarded more than \$90 million in grants to non-profit organizations such as Feeding America, National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF) and American Red Cross. For more information, please visit www.darden.com.