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Food Bank of Delaware kicks off its annual Thanksgiving For All food/funds drive

Newark, Del. (October 1, 2018) – It's hard to believe, but Thanksgiving is just around the corner. The Food Bank of Delaware kicks off its annual Thanksgiving For All food and funds drive today. The hunger-relief organization asks for the community's assistance in collecting food items and monetary donations in order to create 2,500 Thanksgiving meal boxes for Delaware families in need.

To help fill the boxes, the Food Bank is asking for the public's assistance in making sure that no Delawarean goes without a holiday meal this season. Businesses, schools, faith-based organizations and other community groups are encouraged to organize food drives throughout the holiday season. Food for the Thanksgiving boxes must be received by Friday, November 2. Holiday food received after that time will be distributed to the Food Bank's network of Hunger-Relief Program Partners.

The following items are needed:

- Canned sweet potatoes
- Canned peas
- Canned corn
- Evaporated milk
- Canned pumpkin
- Applesauce
- Coffee/tea bags
- Corn muffin mix
- Canned gravy
- Mashed potatoes
- Graham cracker crust
- Turkey pan
- Frozen turkeys (must be dropped off to Newark or Milford warehouses)

Those who collect more than 20 boxes/bags of donated food may make arrangements with the Food Bank of Delaware to have donations picked up. In an effort to save money on transportation costs, the Food Bank asks that donations of fewer than 20 bags/boxes be dropped off at the organization's Newark or Milford facilities:

Food Bank of Delaware – Newark
14 Garfield Way
Newark, DE 19713
(302) 292-1305
Hours: M-F: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Food Bank of Delaware – Milford
1040 Mattlind Way
Milford, DE 19963
(302) 424-3301
Hours: M-F: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

For more information about hosting a Thanksgiving For All food drive or to request logistical assistance such as barrel delivery or donation pick up, please visit <http://www.fbd.org/thanksgiving-for-all>.

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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.