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Food Bank of Delaware declares winners of third annual DelawareCAN contest

Newark, Del. (October 31, 2013) – A farm scene, huge lunch box, a power grid, a child reading, a mosque and other structures made of nonperishable foods were among the winners of the Food Bank of Delaware's third annual DelawareCAN competition.

In an effort to help stock the food bank's shelves and ensure that hungry Delawareans have access to healthy foods, the Food Bank of Delaware launched its third annual DelawareCAN competition in mid-September. The competition provided a creative way to collect much-needed food and create a spirited competition in Delaware's business and educational communities. Companies held food drives and competed to create sculptures out of the food items collected. In total, the Food Bank of Delaware received more than 46,000 pounds through the DelawareCAN competition.

The following organizations were declared winners by the Food Bank of Delaware's panel of judges today. The "People's Choice Award" was chosen by the Food Bank of Delaware's Facebook fans.

Business category:

- Best Use of Labels KBR & DuPont
- Best Use of Most Needed Items Bank of America
- Best Meal Bank of America
- Most Creative Delmarva Power
- Best in Show Chase
- People's Choice Award Chase
- Bounty Award Barclays Wilmington

Youth category:

- Best Use of Labels Zakat Foundation
- Best Use of Most Needed Items St. Mary Magdalen School
- Best Meal Layton Prep and Centreville School
- Most Creative Sussex Tech
- Best in Show Wilmington Montessori School
- People's Choice Award Zakat Foundation
- Bounty Award Wilmington Montessori School

"Last week we were worried as supplies became low in both of our warehouses," said Food Bank of Delaware President and CEO Patricia Beebe. "Thanks to the generosity of local businesses, organizations and schools we now have more than 46,000 pounds of nonperishable goods that we can get out into our community. These donations could not have come at a better time."

"We were so honored to be part of DelawareCAN again this year," said Chip Rossi, Delaware Market President, Bank of America. "It is a terrific team building activity and provides much needed food for our fellow Delawareans!"

"Helping the needy was never so much fun," said Irfan Patel of the Zakat Foundation. "It was very fulfilling to see the team spirit at work in spearheading the campaign, and the creativity applied in the planning, designing and building the structure. At the same time, the realization that this is all going to help the needy made our day."

The following organizations/schools/groups participated in the third annual DelawareCAN competition:

Business category:

- Chase
- Barclays (Wilmington)
- Capital One
- KBR & DuPont
- Delmarva
- Barclays
- TD Bank
- Bank of America
- Delaware State University

Youth category:

- Layton Preparatory and Centerville School
- Wilmington Montessori School
- St. Mary Magdalen
- Zakat Foundation
- Sussex Tech
- St. Ann's

For information on participating in next year's DelawareCAN competition, please contact Caitlin Custer, Food Bank of Delaware Donor Outreach Coordinator, at (302) 292-1305 ext 253 or ccuster@fbd.org.

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The Food Bank of Delaware distributes between seven and 10 million pounds of food and grocery products each year its network of 477 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 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.