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Ashbys Claire 500 Delaware Avenue Wilmington, DE 19801

Dear Friends at Ashbys,

Thank you so much for your donation of 220 pounds of food to the Food Bank of Delaware in November. Because of donors like you, we distributed 5 million pounds of food in the last year to hungry Delawareans – this is enough food to provide more than 4 million meals!

The food bank is currently providing services to over 10,300 individuals weekly, 25 % are children. The need for assistance is growing, placing our most vulnerable populations at risk of not receiving the adequate nutrition they require throughout the entire year. Government, business, nonprofit, education and faith-based sectors have been working to provide long-term solutions to the problems of hunger in Delaware. The FBD is providing emergency food assistance through our partnership with our statewide network of 550 Hunger Relief Program Partners. Since the economic recession, food closets, shelters, soup kitchens and social service agencies up and down the state have reported seeing new faces in line. Families and individuals who once donated their money, food and time are now in need of assistance themselves.

Community support, such as yours, helped the Food Bank of Delaware during 2013-2014 provide over 414,242 meals during the school year and summer months to children in need, distribute 5.8 million pounds of food through our network of partners, over 129,369 backpacks filled with food when school is not in session, 28,518 fifty pound meal boxes directly into the community, and 765,000 pounds of fresh produce. Your continued support will give us the ability to secure more donated food and provide it to people in need through food closets, feeding programs and food distributions. We appreciate your support and most of all we thank you for being a partner in ending hunger in Delaware.

Thank you for being a partner in our fight against hunger in Delaware.

Sincerely,

Patricia Beebe President and CEO

PS: Keep up with all the ways you're helping the Food Bank of Delaware by visiting www.fbd.org.

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