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South Graylyn Crest Civic Assoc
1807 Pan Rd
Wilmington, DE 19803

Dear Friends of the Food Bank of Delaware,

Thank you for hosting a food drive during the 2011 holiday food drive season. Thanks to the generosity of our community, we collected more than 118,000 pounds of food for hungry Delawareans – this is enough food to provide more than 295,000 meals!

In February 2010, the Food Bank of Delaware released the results of the latest Hunger Study analyzing hunger and food insecurity in the State of Delaware. This report indicates that 241,600 Delawareans are now utilizing emergency food assistance services through the FBD and our 475 Hunger Relief Program Partners. Forty-four percent of the household members we serve are children under 18 years old. In 2006, the year of our last study, 88,400 Delawareans depended on emergency food assistance. These numbers are staggering and it is evident that Delaware families continue to feel the effects of the economy. Unfortunately, many families here in the First State are still unemployed and living pay check to pay check.

Individuals and families who once donated to hunger-relief organizations are now seeking our assistance. Hunger does not discriminate against gender, weight, color or ethnicity. It's affecting a working family of four, a single mom and her two children, a college-educated man who recently lost his job to downsizing and an elderly woman living off of a small, monthly social security check.

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

Sincerely,

Patricia Beebe
President and CEO
Food Bank of Delaware