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THE COMMUNITY FOODBANK OF NEW JERSEY RECEIVES \$36,000 DONATION FROM THE DARDEN FOUNDATION TO HELP END HUNGER

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The Community FoodBank of New Jersey announced today a \$36,000 grant from The Darden Foundation to help provide hunger-relief to New Jersey families. The funds will be used to help offset the costs of the FoodBank's day-to-day operations.

"This generous grant from the Darden Foundation will go towards our general operating, helping to keep our lights on, our trucks running, and our equipment in working order," said Carlos Rodriguez, President & CEO of the Community FoodBank of New Jersey. "It's thanks to critical funding like this that we're able to fight hunger every day for the close to 900,000 people in need in our state."

The Community FoodBank of New Jersey, a member of the Feeding America® network, is one of 193 food banks to receive this funding from The Darden Foundation. With this grant for general operations, the FoodBank can continue its work feeding those in need, providing job training, and seeking long-term solutions to the root causes of hunger in New Jersey.

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.

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

To learn more about the Community FoodBank of New Jersey, visit cfbnj.org.

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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 185,000 team members in more than 1,700 restaurants. Together, we create memorable experiences for nearly 400 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.

About the Community FoodBank of New Jersey

The [Community FoodBank of New Jersey \(CFBNJ\)](#), a member of Feeding America®, has been delivering food, help and hope across the state for 45 years. Last year, CFBNJ provided nutritious food for over 50 million meals through its network of more than 1,000 community partners including pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, mobile pantries, and child and senior feeding programs. For our hungry neighbors, the Community FoodBank of New Jersey is the powerful agent of change that fills the emptiness caused by hunger and provides resources that are essential to earning a sustainable living.