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HAWAII FOODBANK RECEIVES \$1000 DONATION FROM THE DARDEN FOUNDATION TO HELP END HUNGER

HONOLULU (August 8, 2019) — Hawaii Foodbank announced today a \$1000 grant from The Darden Foundation to help provide hunger-relief to Hawaii families. The funds will be used to provide food and support to those in need.

“The people of Hawaii are one ‘ohana and Hawaii Foodbank is dedicated to ensuring that no family in Hawaii goes hungry,” said Ron Mizutani, President and CEO of Hawaii Foodbank. “We are thankful to The Darden Foundation in supporting our mission, and with this generous donation we will continue to help improve lives and inspire hope in those who suffer from food insecurity.”

Hawaii Foodbank, a member of the Feeding America® network, is one of 193 food banks to receive funding from The Darden Foundation. It is projected that this grant will enable Hawaii Foodbank to fund several initiatives, including programs with a focus on improving keiki, kupuna and family nutrition.

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 Hawaii Foodbank, visit <http://www.hawaiifoodbank.org/>.

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About Hawaii Foodbank:

Hawaii Foodbank, in partnership with the food industry and community, serves as a link between charities and those in need of food assistance including the elderly, families, children and those facing financial crises each week. Last year, Hawaii Foodbank distributed over 12.5 million pounds of food in Oahu and Kauai, including 3 million pounds of fresh produce. Hawaii Foodbank is a certified member of Feeding America and operates as the official food bank in the State of Hawaii. For more information, visit www.hawaiifoodbank.org or call (808) 836-3600.

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.