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**MANNA Recognized by Bank of America as a Neighborhood Builder for Its Impact in Addressing Nutritional Needs of Philadelphians**

*Donation announced at MANNA’s 25th anniversary celebration; nonprofit to receive training for leaders as well as $200,000 in flexible funding*

**PHILADELPHIA** –The Bank of America Charitable Foundation has named MANNA (Metropolitan Area Neighborhood Nutrition Alliance) a Neighborhood Builder for its critical role in cooking and delivering medically-appropriate meals and nutrition counseling to Philadelphians in need. Currently marking its tenth anniversary, [Neighborhood Builders](http://about.bankofamerica.com/en-us/global-impact/neighborhood-builders.html#fbid=xcAWB4p7bMB) is a strategic investment in communities that combines $200,000 in flexible funding with leadership training for high-performing nonprofits and their executives.

“Over the last decade, we’ve heard from past recipients that the combination of unrestricted funding and leadership training has fundamentally changed their organizations and helped them stay competitive in an ever-changing funding environment,” said Tom Woodward, Pennsylvania and Philadelphia market president, Bank of America. “For 25 years, MANNA has done so much for families in need. Through its delivery of three meals a day, seven days a week, the organization provides hope and nourishment to thousands of critically ill in the Greater Philadelphia area. This investment will empower MANNA to build leadership capacity and expand to meet the evolving needs of our community.”

Helping to kick-off the 25th anniversary, a dozen Bank of America employees packed and sorted meals in MANNA’s community kitchen. Funding from Bank of America allows MANNA to continue to nourish critically-ill neighbors and have a significant impact in lowering health care costs in the Delaware Valley region.

“We are so grateful to receive Bank of America’s Neighborhood Builders award. This is an incredible testament to MANNA’s 25 year history of improving health for our neighbors throughout the region,” said Sue Daugherty, CEO, MANNA. “Bank of America’s investment allows us to serve our community better and launches our year-long 25th anniversary celebration in a truly memorable way.”

Through the Neighborhood Builders program, Bank of America has invested $160 million in 800 nonprofit organizations and provided training to 1,600 nonprofit leaders. With the announcement of MANNA, the bank has invested $3,800,000 in Philadelphia alone through this effort.

**Neighborhood Builders Background**

*Organizations selected as Neighborhood Builders are recognized for their significant impact in addressing needs related to community development, basic human services or workforce development and education. The flexible funding allows nonprofits to build capacity. At the same time, leaders of the organizations learn about issues core to nonprofit sustainability*

*through the Neighborhood Builders leadership training*.

**MANNA (Metropolitan Area Neighborhood Nutrition Alliance) Background**

*Especially for people at acute nutritional risk due to life-threatening illnesses, MANNA prepares and delivers delicious nourishing meals and counsel, empowering individuals to battle illness and improve their quality of life.*

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