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Bank of America Supports Healthy Food Access and Youth Development as a Presenting Sponsor of the Big Shindig

January 12, 2017 -- Lincoln, MA -- The Food Project is excited to announce that Bank of America has awarded The Food Project a \$25,000 grant in support of our efforts across youth, food, and community and will once again be a Presenting Sponsor of their Big Shindig on April 26, 2017. The Big Shindig is a vital fundraising event that helps makes our organization's work possible throughout the year. A long-time community partner, Bank of America employees volunteer year-round on several of The Food Project's farms through the corporate Serve & Grow program.

"We are delighted that Bank of America has generously chosen to support the Big Shindig as a Presenting Sponsor for the second year in a row;" said J. Harrison, executive director of The Food Project. "Their generous grant and premiere level of sponsorship enable our work to transform our food system and offer youth leadership development opportunities—we are grateful for their passion about our work. We recently welcomed a visit from the Foundation's staff to our Dudley Greenhouse where they saw the impact of their support on our power to grow."

The Bank of America Charitable Foundation is dedicated to investing in local economies and improving quality of life through workforce development and education, community development, and basic social needs such as hunger and homelessness.

To find out how you can support The Food Project's mission to create a thoughtful and productive community of youth and adults from diverse backgrounds who work together to build a sustainable food system, visit The Food Project on the web.

About The Food Project

Since their founding in 1991, The Food Project has grown into a nationally-recognized non-profit organization that works at the intersection of youth, food, and community. For more than 25 years, The Food Project has brought youth and adults from diverse backgrounds together on their farms to produce healthy food for residents of the city and suburbs to build a local and sustainable food system. The organization believes that food is a unique vehicle for creating personal and social change. The Food Project aims to transform our food system into an equitable and inclusive model that is community-controlled and supports food justice for all.

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