



## **Table to Table Retains Charity Navigator 4-Star Status for the Fourth Straight Year**

**Englewood Cliffs, N.J. – June 25, 2014** – Table to Table announced today that it has been awarded 4-star status by Charity Navigator, the country’s largest independent evaluator of charities. This marks the fourth consecutive year that Table to Table has achieved Charity Navigator’s highest rating, which reflects the Englewood Cliffs, NJ-based food rescue program’s “sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency,” noted Ken Berger, president and CEO of Charity Navigator. “Only 7% of the charities we rate have received at least four consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that Table to Table outperforms most other charities in America.”

Table to Table continues to deliver meals at an average cost of just 10 cents per meal and, since its inception, it has relied solely on fundraising efforts, taking no federal or other government funding. Claire Insalata Poulos, President and Founder said “Our program is extraordinarily efficient. We have no storage or warehouse and our trucks begin and end each day empty. This enables us to minimize our expenses and maximize our cost effectiveness, while allowing our hungry neighbors to eat wholesome, nutritious food that very same day.”

Ilene Isaacs, Executive Director added, “At Table to Table, at least 98 cents of every dollar goes directly to the operation of our vehicles and the delivery of food, an important variable to Charity Navigator when determining our financial health. Even more important is the fact that this year we plan to deliver enough food for over 13 million meals, again at the cost of just 10 cents per meal.”

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### **About Table to Table**

Table to Table, a 501c3 non-profit, is the first and only food rescue program in Northeast New Jersey solely dedicated to redistributing prepared and perishable foods to not-for-profit organizations that feed hungry people in Bergen, Passaic, Hudson and Essex counties since 1999. Prepared and perishable foods including meat, dairy, produce, and a small amount of baked goods are picked up in refrigerated trucks from more than 200 restaurants, supermarkets or food businesses in the four counties. Food that would otherwise be wasted is delivered to more than 80 community organizations (including soup kitchens, after-school programs, homeless shelters and homes for low-income elderly) on the day of donation, avoiding the need for warehousing and keeping Table To Table's costs limited to the operation of the vehicles. Table to Table delivered enough food for more than 11 million meals last year – all without receiving any federal assistance. Visit us at [www.tabletotable.org](http://www.tabletotable.org).

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