



Table to Table Recognizes F.N. Brown Elementary School in Verona with the Award for Student Philanthropy for their support of Bag a Lunch, Help a Bunch Fundraiser

Students Raise Funds to Provide 31,530 Meals for Hungry Neighbors

Saddle River, NJ March 6, 2023 --- **Table to Table**, New Jersey's first food rescue organization, recognizes the students at **F.N. Brown in Verona, NJ** with the **2022 Bernard and Geraldine Segal Foundation Award for Student Philanthropy** in support of Table to Table's ever-popular, year-round **Bag a Lunch, Help a Bunch** initiative, which invites participants to donate what they would spend on lunch for a day, week, month or more to help Table to Table feed those who need it most.

"The spirit of generosity, compassion, kindness are definitely alive among F.B. Brown School's students as they raised enough funds to provide **31,530 meals** to our hungry neighbors," said Denise Andersen, Executive Director, Table to Table. "This student community leadership is impressive, and we're thrilled to recognize their tremendous efforts with the **2022 Bernard and Geraldine Segal Foundation Award for Student Philanthropy**," Andersen concluded.

Through the kindness of The Bernard and Geraldine Segal Foundation, a challenge grant of \$30,000 among all Bag a Lunch, Help a Bunch participating schools in Northern NJ was established. Of the many schools that participated in 2022, F.N. Brown Elementary School was the top fundraiser, raising enough to provide 31,530 meals to neighbors in need throughout Northern NJ. That number, along with the funds raised by the other schools, was generously doubled by the **Bernard and Geraldine Segal Foundation**.

“Our students, staff, and administration take food insecurity very seriously, so we put all of our effort behind Table to Table’s Bag a Lunch, Help a Bunch campaign,” says Mr. Anthony Chierici, a third-grade teacher at F.N. Brown Elementary School. “We are so honored to be acknowledged for our commitment,” Chierici concluded.

“We are very proud to be part of this initiative, as we know it has a positive impact on others in need.” Dr. Anthony Lanzo, Principal at F.N. Brown Elementary School

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To help Table to Table in their mission to address food insecurity in Northern New Jersey, [Donate Now!](#) And, if your organization would like to become a corporate partner, click here or email Eda Tekeoglu. For more information on Table to Table, visit us at www.tabletotable.org.

About Table to Table

Table to Table (<http://www.tabletotable.org>), NJ’s first food rescue organization, collects fresh and perishable food which would otherwise be wasted and delivers it to organizations that serve people experiencing hunger in Bergen, Hudson, Essex, and Passaic Counties in Northern NJ. We bring rescued fresh, nutritious food to 200+ partner organizations including, social service organizations, pantries, shelters, fresh produce markets and centralized distribution hubs. Food is provided free of charge. Through this, we touch a diversity of those in need, including families, children, veterans, and older adults, making good nutrition accessible while serving as a stimulus for other longer-term benefits. Table to Table raises all its own funds annually, and last year delivered enough food to provide nearly 22 million meals.

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