

## Toast & Jam: Not the Breakfast Food

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Food Bank For New York City is incredibly fortunate to have so many wonderful and dedicated **supporters**. We thank all of our supporters for making a difference, and the continued success and growth of the Food Bank is a constant reminder of the impact of all of your efforts. Despite the economic strain that many are feeling, supporters like you continue to find ways to show their dedication to ending hunger in the five boroughs — whether through **donations**, **volunteering** or **spreading the word**, your support makes a real difference in the lives of **New Yorkers in need**.

One of our most noteworthy opportunities to recognize our donors' immeasurable contributions is our annual Toast & Jam celebration. It provides a time to formally thank our **Liberty Partners** and longtime supporters. It was a beautiful evening, which featured the true charm of the **James Beard House** — the host for nine years running — as guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres prepared by Chef Seamus Mullen of **Boqueria** (another supporter that is always available to lend a hand).

Of course, a Food Bank event would not be complete without some splashes of orange. The signature color was incorporated through orange ribbons worn by supporters who have been giving to the Food Bank for more than 20 years. Their longtime commitment to fighting hunger is truly commendable and is crucial to the Food Bank's ability to provide **food assistance** to the five boroughs.

At the evening's close, **Dr. Lucy Cabrera** took a moment to thank all of the attendees for their commitment to the Food Bank. Furthermore, for the first time in the history of Toast & Jam, Dr. Cabrera presented an award to the James Beard Foundation, who has also been a longtime partner in the fight against hunger. At the conclusion of the presentation, everyone joined in a toast to the continued success of the Food Bank and the kindness of its donors. I would also like to give a special thanks to our sponsors who helped make it possible: **FedEx**, **Stella Artois**, **illycaffè**, **Acqua Panna/San Pellegrino** and **Southern Wines and Spirits**.

And last, but definitely not least, a toast to all of you!



*From top: Dr. Lucy Cabrera presents Susan Ungaro, President of the James Beard Foundation, with an award for their longtime support; Chef Seamus Mullen of Boqueria in action in the James Beard Foundation kitchen during the event.*