**Blues & Jazz Festival Captures Brightest Stars**

On Saturday, June 19, hundreds of blues fans soaked up the sunshine by day and the stars at night while enjoying music by renowned blues artists Bernard Allison, Tinsley Ellis, Doug Deming and the Jewel Tones and Josh Floyd and the V.I.P. Band, at Centennial Terrace in Sylvania, Ohio.

“On behalf of the Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank, we would like to thank the sponsors, volunteers, music fans and others who helped make our inaugural event a shining success,” said James M. Caldwell, president & chief executive officer of the Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank.

Special thanks to our presenting sponsor, FedEx and our media partner, 13abc.

Visit us on Facebook and check out even more pictures from the event and consider joining us next year!

Stellar performances, enthusiastic volunteers, committed sponsors and generous fans helped make the first annual Blues & Jazz Festival, presented by FedEx a rousing success.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

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Stay in the Know: Do you want to be added to the Food Bank’s mailing list? Call us, email us or include contact info with your next donation.
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Grants Received

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