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The Food Trust's Fresh Picked Fundraiser Returns for its Fourth Year

The annual fundraiser, featuring bites sourced from local farmers markets, will honor Congressman Dwight Evans and City Councilmember Dr. Nina Ahmad

PHILADELPHIA, PA – [The Food Trust](#), the Pennsylvania-based nonprofit fighting for nutrition security, will hold its fourth annual Fresh Picked Fundraiser on Thursday, May 14. The cocktail-style event, hosted at [BLDG39](#) at the Arsenal, will help support The Food Trust's initiatives for the coming year.

"At this pivotal junction for food insecurity across the country, it is critical that we invest in prevention and community infrastructure and not pay for avoidable outcomes," said Mark Edwards, President and CEO of The Food Trust. "The Fresh Picked event provides us the opportunity to thank our supporters while honoring those who are doing the hard work of fighting for a healthier future. We're grateful for the farmers, institutions, purveyors, neighborhoods and policymakers who make our mission possible every day."

This year's theme, In Food We Trust, reflects The Food Trust's belief that care for our communities can unite us all, and that we must continue fighting for a world where nutritious food is abundant and communities are thriving. During the event, The Food Trust will recognize 2026 Visionary Award Honorees, Congressman Dwight Evans and Philadelphia Councilmember Dr. Nina Ahmad, as well as community champions Hank Whittenberg, owner of Hayday Farms, and Ms. Erica Lewis, Director of The Caring Center in West Philadelphia.

"I believe that a healthier city is a stronger city," said Philadelphia Councilmember Dr. Nina Ahmad. "The Food Trust's mission of providing nutrition access for all is vital to strengthening both Philadelphia and the entire country, and I'm honored to support this work at the city level."

The [indoor-outdoor](#) event will feature a "breads and spreads bar" and artisan desserts, all sourced from purveyors of local farmers markets organized by The Food Trust; as well as delicious bites from local food vendors Midnight Pasta and [Üle](#). A variety of beer, wine and specialty cocktails will be available, and live entertainment will be provided by Philadelphia's own DJ Lady FX as well as acoustic duo Qiana and Casseli. The fundraiser's silent auction boasts premium Philadelphia sports tickets, a Utah ski retreat getaway, gift cards and experiences from local businesses and more. Guests are encouraged to dress in casual chic attire, leaning into the garden-inspired space.

[Tickets are available](#) now for this limited capacity event.

The Food Trust thanks event sponsors AmeriHealth Caritas, The Campbell's Company, Tito's Handmade Vodka, PACDC and Truist for their support. A full list of sponsors and in-kind supporters can be found on [the event page](#).

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