

2005–2006 Raleigh Branch Profile

COUNTIES SERVED

There are nine counties represented in the Raleigh Branch's service area: Franklin, Halifax, Harnett, Johnston, Nash, Sampson, Wake, Warren, and Wayne Counties. The Raleigh Branch shares Duplin, Edgecombe, and Wilson Counties with the Greenville Branch. Harnett and Sampson Counties are also served by the Second Harvest Food Bank of Southeast North Carolina.

THE RALEIGH SERVICE AREA

- The total population is 1,150,755 individuals.¹
- 143,976 individuals live at or below the poverty level.²
- 69,266 individuals age 18 to 64 and 14,982 individuals 65 years and older live at or below the poverty level.¹
- 51,230 children live at or below the poverty level.²

DISTRIBUTION

In 2005–06, the Raleigh Branch distributed 13,923,451³ pounds of food. During the past four years, the Food Bank experienced a food distribution growth of 75.3 percent in the Raleigh Branch's service area.

THE FOOD BANK NETWORK

The Raleigh Branch serves 316 partner agencies in the Raleigh service area. Raleigh Branch partner agencies operate 190 food pantries, 46 after school programs, 45 group homes, 19 shelters, 15 elderly nutrition programs, 14 soup kitchens, 12 day cares, and 1 sheltered workshop.

MAJOR LOCAL FOOD DONORS

The Food Bank receives local support from wholesalers, brokers, retailers, grocery stores, and many others. Major food donors in the Raleigh Branch's service area include Cal-Main Foods, Food Lion stores, Caledonia Farm Enterprises, Alphin Brothers, Lee Farms, Smithfield Foods, Nabisco, Mt. Olive Pickle, Bissett Produce Company, John Bone Farms, Jackson Farming Company, Lowes Foods, and Turner Farms.

VOLUNTEERS

During 2005–06, volunteers gave 44,517 hours (including special events) through the Raleigh warehouse. This is equivalent to almost 21 full-time employees.

KIDS CAFE

During 2005–06, the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NC Kids Cafe Program served by the Raleigh Branch, i.e. AventWest Community Development Corp. (composed of Avent Ferry United Methodist Church and Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church) Homework Haven, Beulaville Youth Center and Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club, served more than 20,700 meals to children at risk of hunger. Volunteers contributed 4,430 hours of service and a combined total of 340 children were served.

¹ US Census, Census 2000 American Fact Finder Summary File 3.

² US Census, 2003 Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates.

³ Distribution number does not include pounds received into the main warehouse in Raleigh.

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