

2005–2006 Sandhills Branch Profile

COUNTIES SERVED

There are four counties represented in the Sandhills Branch's service area: Lee, Moore, Richmond, and Scotland Counties. Lee County is shared with the Food Bank's Raleigh Branch.

THE SANDHILLS SERVICE AREA

- The total population is 206,371 individuals.¹
- 31,122 individuals live at or below the poverty level.²
- 4,123 individuals 65 years and older live at or below the poverty level.¹
- 15,318 individuals age 18 to 64 years live at or below the poverty level.¹
- 11,715 children live at or below the poverty level.²

DISTRIBUTION

In 2005–06, the Sandhills Branch distributed 3,329,840³ pounds of food. During the past four years, the Food Bank experienced a food distribution growth of 17.3 percent in the Sandhills Branch's service area.

THE FOOD BANK NETWORK

The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Sandhills serves 111 partner agencies. The partner agencies operate 74 food pantries, 21 group homes, 11 after school programs, 8 shelters and soup kitchens, 6 day cares, and 2 sheltered workshops.

MAJOR LOCAL FOOD DONORS

The Food Bank receives local support from wholesalers, brokers, retailers, grocery stores, and many others. Major food donors in the Sandhills Branch's service area include Food Lion stores, Lowes Foods, Fresh Market, Ricky Dewit Farms, and Harris Teeter.

VOLUNTEERS

During 2005–06, volunteers gave 22,654 hours through the Food Bank's warehouse in Sandhills. This is equivalent to almost 11 full-time employees.

KIDS CAFE

During 2005–06, the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NC Kids Cafe Program served by the Sandhills Branch, i.e. Boys & Girls Club of the Sandhills and Richmond Co. Enrichment Center, served 22,385 meals to children at risk of hunger. Volunteer support at the sites totaled 900 hours. These programs served a combined total of 110 children. Kids Cafe partnerships were also established with the Bridge Builders at Galilee United Methodist Church in Scotland Co. and in Lee Co. with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sanford/Lee Counties. These programs began in August 2006 and serve a total of 80 children at risk of hunger.

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 from the main warehouse in Raleigh.

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