

# 2005–2006 Wilmington Branch Profile

## COUNTIES SERVED

There are four counties represented in the Wilmington Branch's service area: Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover, and Pender.

## THE WILMINGTON SERVICE AREA

- The total population is 329,281.<sup>1</sup>
- 51,201 individuals live at or below the poverty level.<sup>2</sup>
- 5,525 individuals 65 years and older live at or below the poverty level.<sup>1</sup>
- 27,308 individuals age 18 to 64 years live at or below the poverty level.<sup>1</sup>
- 17,356 children live at or below the poverty level.<sup>2</sup>

## DISTRIBUTION

In 2005–06, the Wilmington Branch distributed 3,463,926<sup>3</sup> pounds of food. During the past four years, the Food Bank experienced a food distribution growth of 99.5 percent in the Wilmington Branch's service area.

## THE FOOD BANK NETWORK

The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Wilmington serves 90 partner agencies in the Wilmington service area. Wilmington Branch partner agencies operate 49 food pantries, 11 after school programs, 7 group homes, 6 shelters, 5 sheltered workshops, 4 soup kitchens, and 3 day cares.

## MAJOR LOCAL FOOD DONORS

The Food Bank receives local support from wholesalers, brokers, retailers, grocery stores, and many others. The major food donors included in the Wilmington Branch's service area include Food Lion stores, Lowes Food, Pepsi-Cola, Frito Lays and Sam's Club.

## VOLUNTEERS

During 2005–06, volunteers gave 793 hours through the Food Bank's warehouse in Wilmington.

## KIDS CAFE

During 2005–06, the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Kids Cafe Program served by the Sandhills Branch, i.e. Family Services of the Lower Cape Fear and Farmers Union Community Development Daycare, served more than 7,870 meals children at risk of hunger. Volunteer support at the sites totaled more than 1,380 hours.

<sup>1</sup> US Census, Census 2000 American Fact Finder Summary File 3.

<sup>2</sup> US Census, 2003 Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates.

<sup>3</sup> Distribution number does not include pounds received from the main warehouse in Raleigh.

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