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Wake Forest Wins Big 4 ACC Canned Food Drive!

RALEIGH – The shelves at two North Carolina food banks will be a little less empty thanks to the efforts of area ACC universities. Food and funds donated from NCSU and UNC will go to the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina in Raleigh and donations from Wake Forest University benefit the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina in Winston Salem.

The school with the most donations (per capita) is deemed the winner of the Big Four Canned Food Drive Competition. The 2007 Big Four ACC Canned Food Drive overall winner is the Demon Deacons of Wake Forest University, bringing in 1.13 pounds of food per student. Wake Forest wrestled bragging rights away from the UNC Tarheels who were the overall 2006 winner. This year, the combined total number of pounds of food and funds (converted to pounds) from all schools was equivalent to over 47,000 pounds - more than 40,000 meals.

“This was a huge effort on behalf of so many people, and of course, the big winners are the people in our communities who will be the beneficiaries of the hard work of each school,” said Nancy Novell, Special Events and Food Drive Coordinator for the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina.

The Tarheels placed second this year with .85 pounds collected per student and NC State coming in at third place with .62 pounds per student.

Fans, students, and the university community made canned food donations at food collection areas on the campuses, a virtual online food drive, and the grassroots effort of passing the collection bucket.

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There were no results reported for Duke University for the 2007 competition.

There are more than 400,000 people at risk of hunger in The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina's 34-county service area. In 2005-2006, the Food Bank distributed over 31.4 million pounds of food to those affected by hunger through 890 partner agencies.

To be a part of **daily** hunger relief in the 34 counties served by the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina, go to www.foodbankcenc.org for more information, or call your local branch at (919) 875-0707.

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About the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina

The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina is a nonprofit organization that provides food for people at risk of hunger in 34 counties in central and eastern North Carolina. The Food Bank serves a network of more than 890 partner agencies offering soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters, and programs for children and adults. In fiscal year 2005-2006, the Food Bank distributed more than 31.4 million pounds of food and non-food essentials through these agencies. Sadly, hunger remains a serious problem in central and eastern North Carolina. In these counties, more than 400,000 struggle each day to provide enough food for their families. www.foodbankcenc.org .