



NEWS RELEASE

MEDIA ADVISORY

May 10, 2007

Photo Opportunities

- Teamsters truck at Shannon Rd Post Office
- Loaded postal trucks start to come in around 4pm to post offices
- Loaded Food bank trucks return to branch around 5:30 pm
- Volunteers at all post offices

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15th Annual Letter Carriers Food Drive Set for Saturday

“Stamp Out Hunger” in Durham and surrounding areas

WHO: Local letter carriers and the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), in conjunction with the United States Postal Service

WHAT: **15th Annual Letter Carriers Food Drive** to benefit the ***Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Durham***

Restocking the Food Bank shelves is a critical and continuous process. On **Saturday, May 12, 2007**, local letter carriers and the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), in conjunction with the United States Postal Service, will be collecting non-perishable food donations in an effort to fight hunger during the **15th annual Letter Carriers Food Drive** called **“Stamp Out Hunger”**. All local donations will go to the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina branch **in your neighborhood at 708 Gilbert Street in Durham.**

WHEN: Saturday, May 12th

WHERE: Place non-perishable **food donations in a bag by your mailbox on Saturday, May 12 before your letter carrier arrives.** The food will be taken to the post office and then delivered to the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina for distribution to those at risk of hunger.

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List of Items Most Needed *(Please no glass)*

- Canned Meals: Stews, Soups, Tuna, Ravioli, etc.: *Pop-top cans a plus!*
- Canned Fruits and Vegetables
- Rice
- Cereal
- Paper Products: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, etc.
- Hygiene Items: Toothpaste, Shaving Items, Soap, etc.
- Diapers and “Attends”
- Elderly Nutrition Drinks: “Ensure”
- Infant Formula *(No loose glass and plastic jars of baby food as they will have to be discarded due to health regulations)*

WHY: THE NEED - Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Durham

The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Durham distributes food to agencies in the following counties: **Chatham, Durham, Granville, Orange, Person, and Vance Counties.**

- The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina **at Durham** serves **167 partner agencies** in its service area. The branch’s partner agencies **operate 81 food pantries, 45 group homes, 25 after school programs, 13 shelters, 12 soup kitchens, 5 day cares, 4 elderly nutrition programs and 2 sheltered workshops.**
- In 2005-06, the Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC **at Durham** distributed **4,836,234 pounds of food** to those at risk in its service area.
- During the four-year period from 2000-01 and 2005-06, the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina **at Durham** experienced a food distribution growth of **80.8 percent in its service area.**

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Go to www.foodbankcenc.org for more information about the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina. For more information about Stamp Out Hunger, go to www.HelpStampOutHunger.com.

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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 who are hungry 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 to 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