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RIBBON-CUTTING PLANNED FOR NEW WAREHOUSE DISTRIBUTION EXTENSION BITTERSWEET IN LIGHT OF HIDDEN REALITY OF HUNGER ACROSS THE STATE

RALEIGH – In June, nearly 100 members from partner agencies served by the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina convened at the Legislative building in Raleigh to represent the anti-hunger community. The agencies had the opportunity to engage their local representatives in dialogue about the work that they do to bring relief to those who are at risk of hunger in their communities and from the floor of the General Assembly, the North Carolina results from the America’s Second Harvest research study “Hunger in America 2006” were announced. These numbers told a tragic story of the hidden reality of hunger across our state. On Monday, September 18, The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina will continue to tell the story while celebrating a new warehouse extension at the Raleigh branch with a short ribbon-cutting ceremony. The knowledge that facility growth also means the Food Bank’s continued distribution increase literally translates to the thousands of individuals represented in the study and continuing to need emergency food assistance.

WHO: Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina

WHAT: New Warehouse Distribution Extension Ribbon Cutting

Remarks by U.S. Representative David Price; City of Raleigh Mayor Charles Meeker; Marilyn Forbes, Chair, Board of Directors, Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina

Other guests: Ed Carney, Cisco Systems, Dr. Art Ross, White Memorial

WHEN: Monday, September 18, 2006, 10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: 3808 Tarheel Drive
Raleigh, NC
(Directions below)

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About the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina

The Food Bank of Eastern & Central North Carolina is a nonprofit organization that provides food for people who are at risk in 34 counties in central and eastern North Carolina. The Food Bank works through a network of more than 890 partner agencies offering soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters, and programs for children and adults. In fiscal year 2005-06, 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

Directions to Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Raleigh:

From I-440: Take the Wake Forest Road exit 10 (north). At the bottom of the ramp, turn left (North). Turn right onto St. Albans. Turn right onto Tarheel Drive. The Food Bank is on the left.

From Atlantic Avenue (from downtown): Proceed north under the beltline. Turn left at the light onto Wolfpack Lane. Cross over the railroad tracks and the next right is Tarheel Drive. The Food Bank is on the right.