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**PASTA, EGGS, SALVAGE, AND POTATOES MARK ATYPICAL DAY FOR CREDIT  
SUISSE VOLUNTEERS**

**RALEIGH** – The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina was filled with more than just food on Friday, September 15, as the Raleigh warehouse welcomed 115 volunteers. This was the largest group of volunteers to ever work in the Food Bank on a single day other than as part of a disaster relief effort in response to a hurricane. The participants, who went from being a part of corporate teams to being a part of teams with names like Yellow Eggs, Blue Eggs, Purple Cans and Green Cans, were managers and new employees of Credit Suisse. This volunteer day at the Food Bank was part of the Credit Suisse’s new hire program.

*Volunteers are an important part of getting the job done* at the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina. Being a large non-profit with a service area that covers **34 counties, or one third of the state**, a dedicated staff alone is often not enough.

Volunteers for the Food Bank logged over 99,000 hours during fiscal year 2005-2006, the equivalent of 47 full time employees. Over 40% of all food drive donations are sorted by volunteers.

In June, the Raleigh warehouse of The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina expanded its volunteer schedule to include a Thursday evening shift in addition to a Wednesday evening shift that was already in place. The volunteer schedule is Tuesday through Saturday from 9am-4pm and every Wednesday and Thursday evening from 6-8pm. The schedule expansion helped to create more volunteer opportunities as well helped to balance projects more efficiently.

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The Credit Suisse volunteer group was divided into four teams – Yellow Eggs, Blue Eggs, Purple Cans, Green Cans – with each spending the morning hours concentrating on one project\* and then switching to a different project during the afternoon hours.

Philanthropy and service to the community are significant parts of the Credit Suisse corporate focus. This volunteer day at the Food Bank was used to build relationships and give back to the community at the same time. By the end of the day on Friday, the Credit Suisse teams had inspected and sorted over 1000 dozen eggs, bagged 4400 pounds of pasta, sorted and bagged 15,500 pounds of potatoes, and sorted and repackaged 39 pallets of salvage. Credit Suisse also donated \$10,000 to the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina as part of their continuing commitment to the community.

Volunteer opportunities are available at the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina. As a volunteer, you may come in several days a week, once a month, or one time only.

For more information about being a volunteer at the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina, contact Rebecca Barbee, Volunteer Services Manager, , at (919) 865-3022 or [rbarbee@foodbankcenc.org](mailto:rbarbee@foodbankcenc.org).

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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 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 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](http://www.foodbankcenc.org).

**\*Projects Include:**

- **Salvage Recovery** – Salvage is non-perishable food and non-food recovered from distributors that is either damaged, close to code or overstocked
- **Egg Recovery** – Damaged or close to expiration eggs are donated from distributors. The eggs are inspected, cleaned and repackaged.
- **Potatoes** – North Carolina produces the largest quantity of sweet potatoes in the United States. Local farmers donate sweet potatoes to the Food Bank that are not fit to sell in a grocery store which means they are too ugly, too big or too small. Volunteers repackage the good potatoes into family size portions that are distributed to the partner agencies.

- **Pasta and Rice** – Pasta and rice generally arrives in 30lb boxes. The pasta is repackaged into family size portions of 1 – 2 lbs. Volunteers fill, weigh and label bags.