



# NEWS RELEASE

## Media Advisory

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## VOLUNTEERS STORM FOOD BANK WAREHOUSE

**RALEIGH** – Volunteers for the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina sort **40%** of all food drive donations. During *fiscal year 2005-2006*, volunteers logged over **99,000 hours**, the equivalent of over **47 full time employees**. Being a large non-profit with a service area that covers *a third of the state*, a dedicated staff alone is often not enough. *Volunteers are an important part of getting the job done.*

**Who:** 115 Volunteers at the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina

**What:** Largest one-day group of volunteers

**When:** *Friday, September 15, 2006 (see schedule)*

8:30-9:00	Arrival and Sign In
9:00-9:15	General Hello, Safety and Assignment
9:15-9:30	Orientation to Project
9:30-11:30	Project*
1:00-1:15	Orientation to project
1:15-3:00	Project*
3:30-4:00	Awards & Presentations

**Where:** Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina  
3808 Tarheel Drive  
Raleigh

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\*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.

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) .