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## LITTLE PEOPLE, BIG PROBLEM

*(Young) Students Against Hunger Make a Difference for the Holidays*

**GREENVILLE** – The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at **Greenville** are experts at distributing food to 122 agencies and 37 mobile food pantries in 10 counties in eastern North Carolina. The total population of the service area is 690,861 individuals with 108,622 individuals living at or below the poverty level in the Greenville Branch's service area. In this area, **nearly 40,000 children are living at or below the poverty level.**

One group of area children will do their part to tackle this BIG problem – hunger - on Wednesday.

Students at Greenville Montessori will work together to help children at risk in their community. Students in the pre-kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grades will bag 20,000 pounds of bulk sweet potatoes.

**WHO:** Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Greenville

**WHAT:** Potato Drop – Students will bag bulk sweet potatoes into family-sized bags

**WHEN:** Wednesday, November 8  
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

**WHERE:** Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
1801 S. Elm St.  
Greenville, NC 27858

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## WHY:

There are 11 counties represented in the Greenville Branch's service area: **Carteret, Craven, Duplin, Edgecombe, Greene, Jones, Lenoir, Onslow, Pamlico, Pitt, and Wilson Counties.** Duplin, Edgecombe and Wilson Counties are shared with the Raleigh Branch. Duplin County is also served by the Second Harvest Food Bank of Southeast North Carolina.

The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina **at Greenville** serves 195 partner agencies in the Greenville service area. Greenville Branch partner agencies operate: 132 food pantries, 34 mobile food pantries, 24 after school programs, 21 group homes, 16 soup kitchens, 15 day cares, 12 shelters, and 4 elderly nutrition programs.

In 2005-06, the Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC at Greenville distributed 7,890,247 pounds of food to those at risk of hunger in its service area.

During the four-year period from 2000-01 and 2005-06, the Food Bank experienced a food distribution growth of 29.5 percent in the Greenville Branch's service area.

For more information about volunteer opportunities at the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina **at Greenville**, contact Katie Benson, Volunteer Coordinator at (252) 752-4996 x2302 or [kbenson@foodbankcenc.org](mailto:kbenson@foodbankcenc.org).

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### **About the Food Bank of Eastern & Central 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 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](http://www.foodbankcenc.org)