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## KIDS COLLECT MORE THAN A TON OF FOOD

### *Charitable Giving Lesson Goes Beyond Call*

**DURHAM**— On Monday, November 20, a caravan of third graders at Durham Academy carried boxes and bags filled with canned goods and staples to a waiting **Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Durham** truck to help feed those at risk of hunger. A charitable giving lesson went beyond the initial call. The initial request went out for preschoolers through fourth graders at Durham Academy to bring enough to **fill a mom's minivan**. The response was so overwhelming, that a **Food Bank truck** was summoned to pick up the goods.

Almost 400 Preschool and Lower School students at Durham Academy contributed 2,120 lbs. of food! The school's Community Committee spent five to eight hours coordinating the food drive.

"Our students told me they wanted to help other girls and boys feel good like they do everyday. With the food drive, we emphasized how many children really do go hungry," said third grade teacher Liz Jasinski, who spearheaded the effort at Durham Academy Lower School and Preschool. "By donating over 2,000 pounds of food, we showed that when we work together we can accomplish big things!"

**The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Durham** distributes food through 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.

There are 6 counties represented in the Durham Branch's service area: **Chatham, Durham, Granville, Orange, Person, and Vance Counties.**

**Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Durham** is located at 708 Gilbert Street in Durham. Call **919-956-2513** to donate or volunteer or log onto [www.foodbankcenc.org](http://www.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 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)*