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**REPRESENTATIVE DAVID PRICE TO VISIT FOOD BANK OF CENTRAL & EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA**

***Ribbon-cutting Planned For New Warehouse Distribution Extension***

**RALEIGH** – The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina will hold a press conference on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m., to celebrate the completion of a new warehouse distribution extension . United States Representative David Price, D-NC, and City of Raleigh Mayor Charles Meeker will be special guests.

The new warehouse distribution extension, which includes three dock doors and a produce ramp, increases efficiency, allows for more - and a greater variety - of produce to be donated.

At the press conference, Representative Price who was concerned earlier in the summer to read about the depleted shelves at food banks all over North Carolina, including here in Raleigh, will speak briefly about hunger issues.

Representative Price is a longtime supporter of the Food Bank and has led the way in years past for funding to renovate and improve the heating and cooling systems at the Raleigh warehouse.

City of Raleigh Mayor Charles Meeker is also a supporter of the Food Bank's mission. In May 2006, the City Council supported the National Association of Letter Carriers Annual Food Drive by issuing a proclamation for the day. Mayor Meeker read the Proclamation declaring Letter Carriers Day on May 13.

The press conference will be held at the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina's warehouse at 3808 Tarheel Drive in Raleigh. Directions are 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](http://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.