



# NEWS RELEASE

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**Photo Opportunities**

- Loaded postal trucks come in approx. 4:30pm to post offices
- Loaded trucks start to arrive at Greenville FB approximately 5:30pm

## ***15<sup>th</sup> Annual Letter Carriers Food Drive Set for Saturday***

*“Stamp Out Hunger” in Eastern North Carolina*

**WHO:** Local letter carriers and the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), in conjunction with the United States Postal Service

**WHAT:** **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Letter Carriers Food Drive** to benefit the ***Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Greenville***

Restocking the Food Bank shelves is a critical and continuous process. On **Saturday, May 12, 2007**, local letter carriers and the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), in conjunction with the United States Postal Service, will be collecting non-perishable food donations in an effort to fight hunger during the **15<sup>th</sup> annual Letter Carriers Food Drive** called “**Stamp Out Hunger**”. All local donations will go to the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina branch **in your neighborhood at 497 West 9<sup>th</sup> Street in Greenville.**

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 12th

**WHERE:** Place non-perishable **food donations in a bag by your mailbox on Saturday, May 12 before your letter carrier arrives.** The food will be taken to the post office and then delivered to the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina for distribution to those at risk of hunger.

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**List of Items Most Needed** *(Please no glass)*

- Canned Meals: Stews, Soups, Tuna, Ravioli, etc.: *Pop-top cans a plus!*
- Canned Fruits and Vegetables
- Rice
- Cereal
- Paper Products: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, etc.
- Hygiene Items: Toothpaste, Shaving Items, Soap, etc.
- Diapers and “Attends”
- Elderly Nutrition Drinks: “Ensure”
- Infant Formula *(No loose glass and plastic jars of baby food as they will have to be discarded due to health regulations)*

**WHY: THE NEED - Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Greenville**

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.

Go to [www.foodbankcenc.org](http://www.foodbankcenc.org) for more information about the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina. For more information about Stamp Out Hunger, go to [www.HelpStampOutHunger.com](http://www.HelpStampOutHunger.com).

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**About the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina**

*The Food Bank of Central & Eastern 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)*