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Young Democrats of North Carolina select the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina for a new community service project

RALEIGH –Hunger does not take a summer break. Hunger is not seasonal. And hunger definitely erases political lines. Hunger is a solvable problem. Its solution is non-partisan. The Young Democrats of North Carolina (YDNC), headquartered in Raleigh, are celebrating their 80th Anniversary this week during their Statewide Convention held at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Research Triangle Park. As part of the celebration, YDNC has instituted the first ever John Edwards Community Service Project and has selected the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina as the inaugural partner to keep hunger and poverty on the minds of the community. The project will take place on Saturday, March 29, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. in the rear parking lot of the Sheraton Imperial. Approximately 100 individuals will participate in the service project sorting and bagging 8,000 pounds of sweet potatoes.

The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina is one of six food banks and one food rescue organization in the state, all members of America's Second Harvest, the nation's food bank network. The Food Bank, whose main warehouse and offices are located in Raleigh, distributes food resources to one third of the state of North Carolina. Warehouses located in **Durham, Greenville, Raleigh, Southern Pines and Wilmington** serve more than 870 partner agencies (soup kitchens, rescue missions, food pantries, after school programs, elderly nutrition programs). In the Food Bank's service area, there are more than 400,000 individuals who are at risk of hunger every day.

Go to www.foodbankcenc.org to learn how you can help fight hunger in your neighborhood.

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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 870 partner agencies offering soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters, and programs for children and adults. In fiscal year 2006 - 2007, the Food Bank distributed more than 32.6 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