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WAGERED POTATOES DELIVERED TO RALEIGH FOOD BANK Governor Perdue scores one for the hungry

RALEIGH— North Carolina Governor Bev Perdue has already set a precedent for winning wagers. Although she has a bet pending with Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm regarding the outcome of the men's NCAA Championship game tonight, Governor Perdue won a wager on March 27th with Washington Governor Chris Gregoire when the UNC Tar Heels defeated the Gonzaga Bulldogs. The governor won 75 pounds of Washington grown potatoes to be donated to a food bank of choice. On Friday, April 3, the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina, whose main warehouse is located in Raleigh, NC, received one hundred (100) pounds of white potatoes.

"We are grateful to receive the potatoes. For us, this means about 84 people will have a meal consisting of fresh, nutritious white potatoes," said Peter Werbicki, President and CEO of the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina. "We applaud the Governor's continued commitment to the mission of food banks in the state of North Carolina."

For the NCAA Men's Championship game tonight, the losing governor will donate one hundred dollars to a local food bank, must sample food from the winning state and wear the winning team's paraphernalia in a photograph.

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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 at risk of hunger in 34 counties in central and eastern North Carolina. The Food Bank serves a network of nearly 900 partner agencies such as soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters, and programs for children and adults. In fiscal year 2007-2008, the Food Bank distributed nearly 32 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 450,000 individuals struggle each day to provide enough food for their families. www.foodbankcenc.org.

About Feeding America (Formerly America's Second Harvest – The Nation's Food Bank Network)

Feeding America provides individuals and families facing hunger with the fuel to survive and even thrive. As the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief charity, our network members supply food to more than 25 million Americans each year, including 9 million children and 3 million seniors. Serving the entire United States, more than 200 member food banks operate 63,000 agencies that address hunger through emergency food assistance programs. For more information on how you can fight hunger in your community and across the country, visit www.feedingamerica.org

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