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Letter Carriers Collect More Than 300,000 pounds for Food Bank

RALEIGH- On **Saturday, May 9, 2009**, local letter carriers and the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), the National Rural Carriers Association, in conjunction with the United States Postal Service, collected non-perishable food donations in an effort to fight hunger during the 17th Annual Letter Carriers Food Drive called “Stamp Out Hunger”. In the nation’s largest one-day effort to fight hunger, **more than 300,000** pounds of food were collected to benefit the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina, with branches in **Durham, Greenville, Raleigh, Sandhills (Southern Pines) and Wilmington**. Donations this year were up by almost 60,000 pounds over last year. This one day food drive provided more than 257,000 meals.

Numbers by individual Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC branches

Raleigh – 199,413 pounds (Increase of 31,153 over 2008)
Durham – 34,408 pounds (Increase of 571 over 2008)
Wilmington - 39,010 pounds (Increase of 17,982 over 2008)
Sandhills - 17,610 pounds (Increase of 4,192 over 2008)
Greenville - 14,789 pounds (Increase of 4,733 over 2008)

More than 200 volunteers were on site at postal branches throughout the day on Saturday, May 9 to unload the postal trucks.

In the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina’s 34-county service area, there are now nearly 450,000 (up from 400,000) individuals who are not able to access adequate food resources.

Reports from emergency food providers (pantries, soup kitchens, rescue missions) served by the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina indicate that they have seen the need increase from 25% to 40% and even 60% in some cases during the past 12 months.

To learn more about the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina, log on to www.foodbankcenc.org or call (919) 875-0707.

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Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Greenville
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Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Sandhills
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