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## **HUNGER AWARENESS GETS VOICE IN RALEIGH**

*Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina Partner Agencies to Visit  
Representatives for Hunger Awareness Day*

**RALEIGH, NC** – On Tuesday, June 5, Partner Agencies of the **Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina** will give voice to thousands of people who rely on emergency food assistance programs. In recognition of **Hunger Awareness Day**, the Food Bank will host **Partner Agency Day at the General Assembly**. Nearly 100 partner agencies and friends will convene at the **NC Museum of History's Daniels Auditorium** for a short “greeting” and “charge for the day” program before visiting their Legislators and Senators at the **NC Legislative Building** to engage them in dialogue about the work that they do to bring relief to those who are at risk of hunger in their communities.

Program participants will include **Senator William R. Purcell**, D-Laurinburg; **Sorien Schmidt**, Senior Vice President, **Action for Children North Carolina** and **Angela Dunston**, NC Education & Law Project Director, **North Carolina Justice & Community Development Center**. (Complete program details attached as pdf).

Program highlights will include the viewing of the **30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary DVD “Making America Stronger: US Food Stamp Program”** and agencies representing Durham, Wake and Richmond Counties will share personal stories from their communities surrounding the theme “The Face of Hunger Will Surprise You.”

The program at the NC Museum of History **Daniels Auditorium** is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

In support of Annual Partner Agency Day at the General Assembly, **Food Lion** will provide lunch for the participating partner agencies.

Go to [www.hungerday.org](http://www.hungerday.org) for more information about Hunger Awareness Day.

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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 at risk of hunger 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 through 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).*

*America's Second Harvest–The Nation's Food Bank Network* is the largest charitable domestic hunger-relief organization in the country with a Network of more than 200 Member food banks and food-rescue organizations serving all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. The America's Second Harvest Network secures and distributes more than 2 billion pounds of donated food and grocery products annually; and supports approximately 50,000 local charitable agencies operating more than 94,000 programs including food pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, after-school programs and Kids Cafes. Last year, the America's Second Harvest Network provided food assistance to more than 25 million low-income hungry people in the United States, including nearly 9 million children and nearly 3 million seniors. For more on the America's Second Harvest Network, please visit [www.seconharvest.org](http://www.seconharvest.org).

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