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## **The Three C's of Giving: Corporate, Community, Commodities**

*How input from Duke Realty, NC State Students and the Government will work together to help feed hungry people*

**RALEIGH, NC** – Many of the nine hundred community-based agencies such as food pantries, rescue missions, soup kitchens, children and senior programs that are supported by the **Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina** report increases from 30 to 60 percent due to the economic downturn. With sustained support from the community even during tough economic times, the Food Bank is able to put infrastructure in place to help the smaller agencies which they support get more food to those at risk of hunger. Warehouse space made available by Duke Realty at a nominal cost, two individuals provided by Capital Area Workforce Development Board (CAWDB) an increase in The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) commodities from the government, and refrigerators and freezers purchased by the Food Bank for the partner agencies are allowing this to take place. A food bank staff member moved into the space on Monday, June 22, 2009 and was joined on June 29 by two individuals from CAWDB to start preparing food orders for waiting agencies.

### **Commodities**

The Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC is expecting a significant increase in TEFAP commodities during July, August and September due in part to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. In order to accommodate this influx of product, additional warehouse space was needed.

### **Corporate**

Duke Realty Corporation, one of the nation's largest owners, managers, and developers of industrial, office and healthcare properties, has provided a 26,000-square foot warehouse off Poole Road for food storage. Founded in 1972 in Indianapolis, Indiana, Duke's portfolio in the Triangle includes more than 5.4 million square feet of office and industrial space.

### **Community**

CAWDB's Summer Youth Program will provide two individuals to assist in pulling the TEFAP orders for distribution to agencies from June 29<sup>th</sup> through mid August. The Food Bank will continue to work with this team to identify adults and dislocated workers for temporary employment from mid August through September.

Due to the outpouring of community support, the Food Bank has purchased refrigerators and freezers for partner agencies urgently needing space so that they can store additional perishable food like meats and produce, therefore providing **more** food to the many new faces needing emergency food.

**On Wednesday, July 1, more than ninety refrigerators and freezers will be delivered to the new warehouse space.**

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The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North, like all non-profits, sees an increase in demand for their service. The nearly 30-year old non-profit provides a basic product to children, seniors and the working poor - food. Based in Raleigh, the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina serves 34 counties in the central and eastern of the state through five warehouses in Durham, Greenville, Raleigh, Southern Pines and Wilmington.

Go to [www.foodbankcenc.org](http://www.foodbankcenc.org) for more information on how you can donate funds, food or time throughout the year.

### **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](http://www.foodbankcenc.org).

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