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FINAL NORTH CAROLINA HUNGER FORUM TO BE HELD IN RALEIGH

Retired Congresswoman Eva Clayton to Spearhead Last Forum in Series of Regional Forums across the State

RALEIGH –The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina, Inter-Faith Food Shuttle and the Second Harvest Food Bank of Southeast North Carolina (Fayetteville) will host the final North Carolina Hunger Forum on Thursday, August 2, 2007 in Raleigh. The event will be held at the **North Carolina General Assembly Building Legislative auditorium from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** The theme is **“50by2015: Cut Hunger in Half by 2015”** and is open to the public.

Program participants will include:

- Elected Officials
- The North Carolina Institute of Minority Economic Development
- North Carolina Department of Agriculture
- NC Department of Health and Human Services
- Building Together Ministry
- NC Division of Public Health
- Resources for Seniors
- Meals on Wheels of Wake County

In April, the first regional **Hunger Forum** was held in **Greenville, NC** and co-sponsored by the **Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC at Greenville** and the **Food Bank of the Albemarle (Elizabeth City)**.

In June, the second forum was held in Winston Salem and hosted by **Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina (Winston Salem)**.

Retired Congresswoman Eva Clayton, who has worked for years on issues related to hunger and poverty nationally and internationally, organized the series of hunger forums to raise public awareness, engage in public advocacy, and foster community action to address hunger and the cost of hunger in her home state of North Carolina.

The **“50by2015: Cut Hunger in Half by 2015”** campaign is a series of regional Hunger Forums designed to galvanize community action in North Carolina. The forums will bring stakeholders together to examine the real costs of hunger and to engage in strategic efforts to cut hunger in half by 2015 in this state.

“50 by 2015” is consistent with the goal of the **World Food Summit Declaration of 1996** from the Food Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. The Rome Declaration set the political, conceptual, and technical blueprint for ongoing efforts in 180 countries to reduce worldwide hunger by half (50%) by the year 2015.

For more information about **“50by2015: Cut Hunger in Half”** log on to www.50by2015.com.

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