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Raleigh and Cary Transit “Stuff the Bus” Food Drive to benefit local Food Bank

Highlights National Hunger Action Month and Try Transit Week

RALEIGH – The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina has joined Feeding America (formerly America’s Second Harvest-the Nation’s Food Bank Network) and more than 200 food banks across the nation to issue a call to all Americans to get involved locally to fight hunger in their communities during September which is National Hunger Action Month. The Capital Area Transit (CAT), Cary Transit and Triangle Transit are supporting Hunger Action Month during “Try Transit Week” (September 22 through September 26) by hosting a “Stuff the Bus Food Drive” on Wednesday, September 24th. The food drive will benefit the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina. On Wednesday, Capital Area Transit (CAT), Cary Transit (C-Tran) and Triangle Transit are among local transit agencies who, along with participating Chick-fil-A restaurants, will partner to fight hunger by encouraging citizens to fill a bus with non-perishable food items. Everyone who donates at least three non-perishable food items will receive a free Chick-fil-A chicken sandwich. This is the second year that CAT has sponsored the event collecting 500 pounds of food last year with a goal of collecting one thousand pounds this year. Cary Transit is joining them for the first year.

In Raleigh

Bring donations to the CAT bus that will be parked onsite at the following Chick-fil-A locations in Raleigh:

7a.m. to 10 a.m.
Capital Boulevard

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Fayetteville Street (across from the Chick-fil-A restaurant at 412 Fayetteville Street)

4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Glenwood Avenue (Townridge Shopping Center, next to Wal-Mart)

In Cary

11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Bring donations to the Cary Transit vehicle that will be parked onsite at the Cary Town Center Mall off of Walnut Street. A tent and the bus will be set up outside near the Food Court entrance near the Macy’s.

Durham and Chapel Hill are also hosting Stuff the Bus Food Drives.

“We are honored that area transit systems support our mission with the Stuff the Bus Food Drive in light of rising food costs,” said Peter Werbicki, President and CEO of the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina. “What the Food Bank and the transit authorities in the Triangle do is more important than ever in the face of today’s poor economy where more people

have concerns about the source of their next meal and how far they can stretch their resources when fuel costs have sky rocked.”

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

Canned Meals (Stews, soups, Ravioli, etc.)
Peanut Butter
Cereal
Canned Fruits and Vegetables
Rice
Paper Products
Hygiene Items (Toothpaste, Feminine products, soap, etc.)
Infant Products (Diapers, Wipes, Formula, Infant Cereal – no loose glass or plastic jars)
Elderly Nutrition Drinks (Ensure, Boost, etc.)
Attends

For ***every dollar*** donated, the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina is able to distribute generally ***8 dollars (\$8) worth of food or provide four meals.***

The main office and warehouse is located at 3808 Tarheel Drive in Raleigh. Branch warehouses are located in Durham, Greenville, Southern Pines, and Wilmington.

For more information about the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina, go to www.foodbankcenc.org for details.

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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 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.