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THE ALLMAN BROTHERS BAND AND WIDESPREAD PANIC JOIN FORCES TO HELP FIGHT HUNGER IN NORTH CAROLINA

Food and funds to be collected at October concert in Raleigh, NC to benefit local food bank

Raleigh, NC - Music is universal, but unfortunately so is hunger. The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina announced today that the Allman Brothers Band and Widespread Panic will join together on more than just a concert stage. On Sunday, October 11, 2009 at the Time Warner Cable Music Pavilion at Walnut Creek in Raleigh, NC, fans of the two groups are asked to donate food and funds to support the local food bank in an effort to "Rock Out Hunger!" Buy concert tickets at livenation.com, Pavilion Box Office, select BLOCKBUSTER stores, or charge by phone at 877-598-8698.

At a time of continued economic uncertainty, partner agencies such as the food pantries, soup kitchens, rescue missions, and group homes supported by the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina report a 30 to 60 percent increase in individuals coming through their doors for emergency food assistance.

The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina is a non-profit organization that serves 34 counties in central and eastern North Carolina. In fiscal year 2008-2009, the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina distributed nearly 37 million pounds to a network of 800 partner agencies (food pantries, shelters, soup kitchens, group homes). 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

THE NEED:

In the 34 counties served by the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina, more than 480,000 people are at risk of hunger. More than 163,000 are children and more than 45,000 are elderly. Thirty-eight percent have one or more working adults in the household

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Bring non-perishable food items or funds to the Allman Brothers Band /Widespread Panic concert, Time Warner Cable Music Pavilion at Walnut Creek in Raleigh at 3801 Rock Quarry Road.

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List of Items Most Needed *(Please no glass)*

- Canned Meals: Stews, Soups, Tuna, Ravioli, etc.: *Pop-top cans a plus!*
- Canned Fruits and Vegetables
- Rice
- Cereal
- Paper Products: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, etc.
- Hygiene Items: Toothpaste, Shaving Items, Soap, etc.
- Diapers and “Attends”
- Elderly Nutrition Drinks: “Ensure”
- Infant Formula *(No loose glass and plastic jars of baby food as they will have to be discarded due to health regulations)*

For every \$1 donated, the Food Bank can provide \$8 worth of food or four meals.

Go to 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 800 partner agencies such as soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters, and programs for children and adults through warehouses in Durham, Greenville, Raleigh, the Sandhills (Southern Pines) and Wilmington. In fiscal year 2008-2009, the Food Bank distributed nearly 37 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 486,000 struggle each day to provide enough food for their families. www.foodbankcenc.org.

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