

**Food Bank of Central & Eastern  
North Carolina**

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**PRESS RELEASE**

## **Shelves Depleting, Food Bank Needs More Staple Goods**

**Raleigh-** Typically during the summer months at the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina \*, donations are down and the need is up. Children are home for the summer and families face a new challenge of providing a meal normally subsidized during the school year. Right now the depleting shelf stock at the Food Bank is a call to the community to donate more staple goods, such as canned meats, vegetables and fruits and dry goods, such as cereal and rice.

In May of this year, the National Letter Carriers Food Drive brought a large stock of food to the Food Bank, but those products are quickly depleting; in response to summer demands of agencies needing more food while families struggle feeding their children home for the summer months.

“The summer months are very hard on the agencies that have to provide food to thousands of children who were receiving subsidized lunches at their school,” says Peter Werbicki, operations manager of the Food Bank. “ Their stock is really low now and we’re asking the community to pull together.”

With the upcoming food drives in the fall, like the Heart of Carolina Food Drive, the Food Bank’s largest annual food drive, the Food Bank sees more donations coming in, but they need more now. “It’s a great time for produce and that has been helping us a lot now as a supplement, but we still need those staple dry goods,” continues Werbicki.

The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina is a private, not-for-profit organization, which serves more than 868 partner agencies throughout 34 counties in central and eastern North Carolina. Out of every dollar donated to the Food Bank, 96 cents is used to support its programs. One of six America's Second Harvest member food banks in North Carolina, the Food Bank solicits, collects, stores, and distributes food to nonprofit agencies assisting people at risk from hunger and has branches in Wilmington, Raleigh, Durham, Greenville, and the Sandhills. The Food Bank distributed more than 26.4 million pounds of food to those in need in fiscal year 2003-04.

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**\* Effective July 1, we have changed our name to the *Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina* to better depict the 34 counties which we serve and to distinguish us from the other five food banks in North Carolina.**

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