

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

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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Blue Bell Foundation Gives to Food Bank**

**Wilson-**A generous donation of \$6000 was presented by the Blue Bell Foundation of VF Jeanswear Limited Partnership of Wilson to the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina\*. The donation is designated to assist in the Food Bank's efforts in Wilson County where more than 13,000 individuals, roughly 18.5 percent of the total population, live at or below the poverty level and are at risk of hunger.

Through 22 partner agencies, the Food Bank is working to make sure no one goes hungry in Wilson County. Partner agencies in Wilson County operate 10 food pantries, 3 after-school programs, day care programs and soup kitchens, 2 shelters, and 1 elderly nutrition program and group home. "VF Jeanswear is dedicated to supporting the community in every way possible," said Debra Bradshaw, division of human resources manager.

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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