



NEWS RELEASE

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Photo Opportunities

- Teamsters or Food Bank trucks parked at the following post office sites: Fuquay-Varina, Avent Ferry, Creekside, Clayton, Sunnybrook, South Raleigh, Northridge, Hillburn, Garner, Cary and Apex
- Loaded postal trucks start to come in around 4pm to post offices
- Loaded trucks start returning to branch around 5:30 pm
- Volunteers at all post offices

15th Annual Letter Carriers Food Drive Set for Saturday

“Stamp Out Hunger” in Your Neighborhood; Goal Set at 500,000 pounds

WHO: Local letter carriers and the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), in conjunction with the United States Postal Service

WHAT: **15th Annual Letter Carriers Food Drive** to benefit the ***Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina***

Restocking the Food Bank shelves is a critical and continuous process. On **Saturday, May 12, 2007**, local letter carriers and the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), in conjunction with the United States Postal Service, will be collecting non-perishable food donations in an effort to fight hunger during the **15th Annual Letter Carriers Food Drive** called **“Stamp Out Hunger”**. All donations will go to the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina branch **in your neighborhood (708 Gilbert Street in Durham, 3808 Tarheel Drive in Raleigh with additional branches in Greenville, Sandhills, and Wilmington)**. Collecting over 325,000 pounds last year, the **2007 goal is set at 500,000 pounds**.

WHEN: Saturday, May 12th

WHERE: Place non-perishable **food donations in a bag by your mailbox on Saturday, May 12 before your letter carrier arrives**. The food will be taken to the post office and then delivered to the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina for distribution to those at risk of hunger.

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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)*

WHY: There are **400,000 people** at risk of hunger *daily* in the **34-county area** served by the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina. **Thirty percent are children; 18 percent are seniors** and **38 percent** have at least one working adult in the household.

List of counties served by the **Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina:**
Brunswick, Carteret, Chatham, Columbus, Craven, Duplin, Durham, Edgecombe, Franklin, Granville, Greene, Halifax, Harnett, Johnston, Jones, Lee, Lenoir, Moore, Nash, New Hanover, Onslow, Orange, Pamlico, Pender, Person, Pitt, Richmond, Sampson, Scotland, Vance, Wake, Warren, Wayne and Wilson.

Go to www.foodbankcenc.org for more information about the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina. For more information about Stamp Out Hunger, go to www.HelpStampOutHunger.com.

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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 who are hungry in 34 counties in central and eastern North Carolina. The Food Bank serves a network of more than 890 partner agencies offering soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters, and programs for children and adults. In fiscal year 2005 - 2006, the Food Bank distributed more than 31.4 million pounds of food and non-food essentials to these agencies. Sadly, hunger remains a serious problem in central and eastern North Carolina. In these counties, more than 400,000 struggle each day to provide enough food for their families. www.foodbankcenc.org