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FOOD BANK HOLDING DRIVE TO PAY FOR HIGHER FUEL COSTS

The Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina, a nonprofit organization that provides food for people who are hungry in 34 counties in central and Eastern North Carolina, is holding a fuel drive this month to raise money to keep its trucks on the road as it deals with a 61 percent increase in diesel fuel expenses.

The nonprofit agency hopes to raise \$25,000, or enough money to cover its fuel costs for a month. It reports its fleet of 22 trucks cover 1,500 miles on average a day, delivering to more than 200 partner agencies in a service territory of 19,000 square miles.

The agency is accepting donations on its Web site and has set up a way for contributors to send e-cards to family and friends who might also want to help. The Web site also includes stories from Food Bank drivers about their work.

To get more information or to make a donation to the food bank, go to www.foodbankcenc.org/FuelDrive.

AIDS ADVOCATES SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

African Advocates Against Aids, a non-profit HIV/AIDS advocacy agency in Wake County, is seeking volunteers for its community outreach educational programs and for help with fundraising. For more information, call 771-0601 or send e-mail to africanadvocates@hotmail.com.

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