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## Helping out

### WAKE COUNTY

**ME FINE GALA:** Tickets are on sale for the second annual Southern Ladies Purse Gala from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Embassy Suites in Cary. Pick from one of about 45 donated bags from all over the world, including big-name bags such as Gucci, Coach and Kate Spade, during a live auction. Proceeds will benefit Me Fine Foundation, a local nonprofit that helps provide financial assistance to children and families at Duke Children's Hospital and the N.C. Children's Hospital at UNC-Chapel Hill. Tickets cost \$35. Contact Lisa Valentino at 202-0086 or [mefinedevelop@aol.com](mailto:mefinedevelop@aol.com) to reserve a seat.

**FEED THE NEED:** The Lakes Apartment Homes, 6615 The Lakes Drive, will host their Feed the Need Fall Festival benefiting The Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina, on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. During the festival, which includes a disc jockey, inflatable games with relays and prizes, a basketball free-throw contest and cookout, The Lakes clubhouse will serve as the donation center for groceries that will be delivered to The Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina. This event is open to the public.

**CHARITY BARBECUE:** There will be a \$7-per-plate barbecue from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday on North Main Street in Fuquay-Varina. Proceeds will help the needy in the immediate community, and the event will be sponsored by the Fuquay-Varina Knights of Columbus Council. Information: contact Tommy Rosati at 285-9300.

### CHATHAM COUNTY

**FOOD PANTRY:** During September the Starbucks Coffee in Chatham Downs in Pittsboro is collecting canned food on behalf of the food pantry operated by the Chatham Outreach Alliance, which provides a week's supply of food to 50 hungry families each week. Especially needed are cans of fruit, mixed vegetables, corn, sweet peas, spaghetti sauce, pork and beans, salmon, tuna, and soup.

Check out more ways to help out, or post your own events and volunteer opportunities, at [share.triangle.com](http://share.triangle.com). Click on "helping out." Call Kay Wallace-Holloway at 829-4520 for more information, or write her at The News & Observer, 215 S. McDowell St., Raleigh, N.C. 27602.

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