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Food Bank fights poor economy

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RALEIGH -- Non profit groups are working hard to make sure no one goes hungry in North Carolina, but the slump in the economy has trickled down to affect those organizations.



The good news for many is that donations to the Food Bank are slightly up from last year according to officials. The bad news is that demand has gone up even more.

The Food Bank's president and CEO says the end of the drought and a better agricultural season means donations have gone up by about 10 percent. But the need has gone up about 30 percent.

The Food Bank serves non profits in 34 counties throughout central and eastern North Carolina. Officials say those groups are seeing their food go to new families that have been hit by layoffs and other hardships.

"We understand that the economic impact is having a deep impact on a number of folks," said Peter Werbicki, president and CEO. "But, this is a very giving community. And, every can, every dollar, we can stretch as far as it can go in this organization. And whatever anyone can give, we're very grateful for."

The Food Bank accepts food, but also monetary donations. The organization says that for each dollar given, they can stretch that in to four meals.

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