

Food Bank of North Carolina

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PRESS RELEASE

Food Bank Prepares for Hurricane Season

Raleigh- Now that Hurricane season has officially begun, the Food Bank of North Carolina, serving 34 counties in central and eastern North Carolina, is updating its Disaster Preparedness Plan, just in case. The Food Bank is researching its current plan, reviewing and networking resources. and assessing plan development.

Up to this point, the Food Bank's plan has been more of preparation for Hurricane season and this plan and the development of it will continue, however after being in attendance at the National ASH Disaster Conference the awareness of being prepared for any events or happenings that would jeopardize our business procedures and safety became more evident and that preparing for more unforeseen circumstances would be prudent and justified.

Researching our current plan; reviewing and networking resources; assessment and plan development.

Every year around this time, the Food Bank reviews and updates it plan, this usually takes the form of updating contact information and plan development.

In terms of plan development this year as you are aware improving information and communication to the public and media via the web and you regarding donations is at the forefront

We are also waiting on a couple of other Fbanks to share their plans to see if we can learn more and improve ours.

The Food Bank of North Carolina is a private, not-for-profit organization, which serves 864 partner agencies throughout 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 24 million pounds of food to those in need in fiscal year 2002-03.

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