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Kids Summer Stock Event in Durham Today

Our Kids Need You!

DURHAM - The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Durham along with presenting sponsors Genworth Financial and Cisco Systems are hosting “Kids Summer Stock at Durham: Branch Open House”. The open house, held today from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at 708 Gilbert Street in Durham, will build awareness, give a up close look at what goes on in a food bank warehouse, as well as collect donations for the new summer food drive. The event is free and open to the public. Local sponsors include *The Herald-Sun* and *ABC 11*.

Kids Summer Stock is a community-wide food and funds drive to support nearly 250,000 children in the Food Bank’s 34-county service area who will not have access to free and reduced school meals while school is out for summer vacation. More than 15,000 children in Durham County are recipients of the free and reduced meal program when school is in session.

The Durham Branch of the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina distributes food through partner agencies in **Chatham, Durham, Granville, Orange, Person, and Vance counties.**

During the summertime, Food Bank partner agencies report an increase in the number of parents and grandparents seeking food assistance for their families.

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Please join the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Durham, along with our sponsors, for entertainment and a lively tour, to make a difference in the lives of the children and families we serve.

Hors d'oeuvres for today's event provided by Brightleaf Square Restaurants: Amelias, El Rodeo, Piazza Italia and Nikos Taverna.

Music will be provided by Evan Wade and His Kakalakalayuans.

Following the event, enjoy the outdoor concert by the Magic Pipers at Brightleaf Square from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and look for the Food Bank information and donation table.

Go to www.foodbankcenc.org for more information about the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina.

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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 2006 - 2007, the Food Bank distributed more than 32.6 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