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DURHAM - The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Durham will celebrate ten years of serving Durham and surrounding communities on Friday, July 24th at the Historic Carolina Theatre in downtown Durham. A benefit concert by the Will McFarlane Band with specials guests Armand Lenchek and Adrian Duke will take place at 7:30pm. Tickets for the event are only \$15 and on sale now at the Carolina Theatre Box office and website.

Contributions of non-perishable food and monetary donations will be accepted at the door. The event also marks the culmination of KIDS SUMMER STOCK, the organization's summer food and funds drive.

In June 1999, to better meet the needs of those at risk of hunger in Chatham, Durham, Granville, Orange, Person, & Vance counties, A NEW BRANCH WAREHOUSE WAS ESTABLISHED in the city of Durham. In September of 2008, this branch reached a major milestone of distributing 30 million pounds since it began operation.

The Durham Branch serves 167 partner agencies in its service area. These agencies operate 81 food pantries, 25 after school programs, 45 group homes, 13 shelters, 4 elderly nutrition programs, 12 soup kitchens, 5 day cares, and 2 sheltered workshops.

Last year, the Kids Summer Stock Food and Funds Drive provided 1.2 million meals during the summer throughout the 34 counties.

Please join the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Durham, along with our sponsors, for this benefit blues concert to make a difference in the lives of the children and families we serve in your community.

Go to <http://durham.foodbankcenc.org> for more information about the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Durham.

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 at risk of hunger in 34 counties in central and eastern North Carolina through warehouses in Durham, Greenville, Raleigh, Southern Pines and Wilmington. The Food Bank serves a network of nearly 900 partner agencies such as soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters, and programs for children and adults. In fiscal year 2007-2008, the Food Bank distributed nearly 32 million pounds of food and non-food essentials through these agencies. Sadly, hunger remains a serious problem in central and eastern North Carolina. In these counties, more than 450,000 individuals struggle each day to provide enough food for their families. www.foodbankcenc.org.

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