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## DURHAM FOOD BANK REACHES MILESTONE DURING HUNGER ACTION MONTH

### ***30 Million Pounds Distributed Since 1999; New freezer increases capacity***

**DURHAM** – If milestones were to be hit in food distribution circles, September is the perfect time to do so with it being **Hunger Action Month** across the country. When **Abundant Life Church** of Orange County arrived at the **Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina at Durham** on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, they had no idea that they would be part of history. As Food Bank staff person Tony Wortham loaded a box of Reeser's Cold Salad onto the scale around 1:30 p.m. yesterday, the Durham branch of the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina, in operation since 1999, hit its **30 million pounds milestone**. The warehouse is located on 708 Gilbert Street and distributes food to more than 160 community-based hunger relief organizations such as rescue missions, soup kitchens, food pantries, after school programs, and elderly nutrition programs in Chatham, Durham, Granville, Orange, Person, and Vance counties. Balloons were dropped while Abundant Life Church received a certificate and a trophy to immortalize their place in Food Bank history.

The 18,500 square foot Durham warehouse also celebrated the completion of a new freezer made possible by a **\$45,000 grant from Kraft Foods**. The new 320 square-foot 16 by 20 by 8 walk-in freezer triples the existing freezer space and will allow the branch to provide a larger variety of nutritional products.

Go to [www.foodbankcenc.org](http://www.foodbankcenc.org) to learn how you can donate money, time or food during September which is **Hunger Action Month**.

For **every dollar** donated, the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina is able to distribute generally **8 dollars (\$8) worth of food or provide four meals**.

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The main office and warehouse is located at 3808 Tarheel Drive in Raleigh. Additional warehouses are located in Greenville, Southern Pines, and Wilmington.

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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 at risk of hunger in 34 counties in central and eastern North Carolina. 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 struggle each day to provide enough food for their families. [www.foodbankcenc.org](http://www.foodbankcenc.org).

**About Feeding America (Formerly America's Second Harvest – The Nation's Food Bank Network)**

Feeding America provides individuals and families facing hunger with the fuel to survive and even thrive. As the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief charity, our network members supply food to more than 25 million Americans each year, including 9 million children and 3 million seniors. Serving the entire United States, more than 200 member food banks operate 63,000 agencies that address hunger through emergency food assistance programs. For more information on how you can fight hunger in your community and across the country, visit [www.feedingamerica.org](http://www.feedingamerica.org).