



NEWS RELEASE

MEDIA ADVISORY

September 19, 2008

DUKE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS UP ALL NIGHT FOR GOOD CAUSE *Basketball Campout to Collect Food for Local Food Bank*

WHO: Duke Graduate and Professional Students

WHAT: Duke Graduate and Profession Students Basketball Campout AND Volunteer Project

As part of a community service project, graduate and professional students at Duke University will **donate non-perishable food** items to benefit the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina at Durham while they **campout for the season ticket lottery for Duke Men's Basketball**. The students will campout for 36hours. Students will also head to the Durham warehouse to participate in a service project the following morning. (Most Needed Items listed below).

WHEN and WHERE:

Friday, September 19th

6:30p.m.

Graduate and Professional Students in tents
Corner of Frank Bassett Drive and Science Drive
(Across from Washington Duke Inn)

Saturday, September 20th

9 a.m.

Duke Graduate and Professional Students volunteer
Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina
708 Gilbert Street
Durham, NC 27701

9:30a.m.

Food Bank truck on Duke's West Campus to pick up canned food at Campout site
Students will help load truck
Corner of Frank Bassett Drive and Science Drive
(Across from Washington Duke Inn)

WHY: THE NEED - Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Durham

The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Durham distributes food to agencies in the following counties: **Chatham, Durham, Granville, Orange, Person, and Vance Counties.**

- The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at **Durham** serves **167 partner agencies** in its service area. The branch's partner agencies **operate 81 food pantries, 45 group homes, 25 after school programs, 13 shelters, 12 soup kitchens, 5 day cares, 4 elderly nutrition programs and 2 sheltered workshops.**

List of Items Most Needed *(Please no glass)*

- Canned Meals: Stews, Soups, Tuna, Ravioli, etc.: *Pop-top cans a plus!*
- Canned Fruits and Vegetables
- Rice
- Cereal
- Paper Products: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, etc.
- Hygiene Items: Toothpaste, Shaving Items, Soap, etc.
- Diapers and "Attends"
- Elderly Nutrition Drinks: "Ensure"
- Infant Formula *(No loose glass and plastic jars of baby food as they will have to be discarded due to health regulations)*

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 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.

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.