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## ***Kids Summer Stock Event in Wilmington***

### *Our Kids Need You!*

**WILMINGTON** - The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Wilmington, along with presenting sponsors Genworth Financial and Cisco Systems, are hosting “**Kids Summer Stock at Wilmington: An Evening at Thalian Hall.**” The event is a wine tasting with music by Jimmy Gatlin. It will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor ballroom at 310 Chestnut Street in Wilmington. Local sponsors include Thalian Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Next Media and Lowes Foods. Tickets for **An Evening at Thalian Hall** are still available by contacting Tommy Taylor at [ttaylor@foodbankcenc.org](mailto:ttaylor@foodbankcenc.org) or 910-251-1465 ext. 2202.

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.

Nearly 27,000 children in the Wilmington Branch’s service area (Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover and Pender counties) are recipients of the free and reduced meal program when school is in session.

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 Wilmington, along with our sponsors, for a fundraising event, **An Evening at Thalian Hall**, to make a difference in the lives of the children and families we serve in your community.

Go to [www.foodbankcenc.org](http://www.foodbankcenc.org) for more information about the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at 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 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](http://www.foodbankcenc.org)*