



From the Desk of

Peter Werbicki

President/CEO

Dear Jen,

Over 250,000 children in our 34-county service territory participate in the free and reduced meals program at school. Over the summertime, these children do not have access to these meals. While this is not a new problem, it is one that needs our attention and awareness. Our Kids Cafe and Backpack programs help by providing meals through summer feeding programs, but it is not nearly enough. In the past 2 years, the meals provided through our Kids Cafe's have risen from **83,000 to 113,000**. Over 23,000 backpacks filled with nutritious food from our Backpack Programs were distributed this past year and ***the number is rising every day***. That is why the Food Bank launched an inaugural campaign in June called the **Kids Summer Stock Food and Funds Drive**.



I am delighted to report that this campaign was a success. The combined food and funds raised during the month of June will provide **over \$1.2 million meals** to those children and families in our region who suffer from hunger. [Click here to share this great news with your friends and colleagues now](#)

I would like to personally **thank you** for your involvement in this campaign. Whether you made a generous contribution, attended one of our events, volunteered at one of our five branch locations, or spread the word about the work of the Food Bank, **we are truly grateful**.

We are looking forward to the beginning of a new fiscal year. In August, you will learn more about our challenges to keep our many trucks rolling and distributing food throughout our 34-county service territory when we kick off our **August Fuel Drive** on the website. It may surprise you to know that our fleet of 22 trucks travel over 1,500 miles a day to deliver and pickup food throughout our region. Our weekly fuel costs hover around \$6,000.00 per week. More information will be on the website soon about this important campaign.

In the meantime, [enjoy the photos](#) we've posted from our Kids Summer Stock Events and [read the story](#) of a first grade teacher whose students suffer from hunger everyday.

Thank you again for helping us meet the rising need of our agencies. We are especially thankful that even during this difficult economy, with prices rising everyday, you are able to help and extend your generosity to those in need. we look forward to your partnership in fighting hunger this year.

Best Regards,

Peter Werbicki

*For every dollar donated, the Food Bank can supply
\$8.00 worth of food or 4 meals.
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Raleigh, Durham, Sandhills, Greenville and Wilmington**

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