



FOOD BANK OF CENTRAL & EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

Fighting Hunger in 34 Counties... so no one goes hungry.

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Announcing: Faces of the Food Bank



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We've compiled their stories - stories of need, hope and support. Please visit [Faces of the Food Bank](#) and [tell a friend about this inspiring Food Bank website feature](#).

Have a story you'd like to submit? Please let us know! [Click here to share](#).

What else is happening at the Food Bank?

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[Celebrity Italian Table Cookbook](#) Until March 31

There is still time to download **Barilla's Celebrity Italian Table Cookbook** and support the Food Bank! From now until March 31, Barilla will donate \$1.00 to America's Second Harvest or the Food Bank (simply select your area) for every cookbook downloaded.

The cookbook features favorite Italian dishes from Stanley Tucci, Marisa Tomei, Debra Messing, Natalie Portman and Chris Daughtry. Mario Batali recreated these dishes and developed a special menu for each party while David Tutera developed creative and stunning table designs to make each experience special. [Click here to download your own copy and support the Food Bank!](#)



[Feinstein and Stewards Fund Challenges](#) Until April 30

The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina is calling all of its supporters to participate in two of the largest challenges of the year:



- **The Stewards Fund** has awarded the Food Bank with a generous **\$100,000 Challenge Grant**. From now until April 30, any gift from a **new donor** (who has not supported the Food Bank in the past) will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Stewards Fund up to \$100,000! [Click here for Stewards Fund information!](#)
- **The Feinstein Foundation** has once again issued its **Million Dollar Challenge** to anti-hunger organizations across the country. **Existing donors** can help boost our share. [Click here for Feinstein information!](#)

Thanks to everyone who has already made generous donation towards these two challenges! Urge your friends and family to make a donation that will go twice as far in serving those suffering from hunger in our community. [Tell a friend](#) or send an informative [Food Bank ecard](#).

[Feed the Need](#)

Feed the Need is an annual community service project established by The News & Observer as an outgrowth of their commitment to making our region a better place for us all to live. The goal is to help feed people in the Triangle and surrounding counties who would otherwise go hungry.



Volunteers are needed to sell newspapers! The News & Observer will donate 75 cents of every newspaper sold on Feed the Need Day, Saturday, April, 12. [Click here for more information.](#)

Be on the lookout for the Special Section in the News & Observer, Sunday, April 6 to learn about hunger and how the Food Bank and its partners are working to eliminate it. Feed the Need is also hosting a food drive from March 29-April 12 at Harris Teeter stores throughout the region.

[Letter Carriers Food Drive](#)

The National Association of Letter Carriers unite to "**Stamp Out Hunger**" and will collect non-perishable food from mailboxes on Saturday, May 10. This is the 16th Annual Letter Carriers Food Drive - the largest in the nation. Last year, the food drive brought in over 70 million pounds of food for food banks, food pantries and food shelters.



The Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina is a recipient for all the food collected in our 34-county service territory. [Click here for more information about Stamp Out Hunger](#) and check the Food Bank website in the coming weeks for details on how you can help.

[Spring Ecard](#)

Step into spring with the **Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina's Spring Ecard**. The ecard features the Food Bank Garden of Hope, a community garden in Wilmington established in 2005. In collaboration with the Community Garden Initiative (consisting of the Wilmington Housing Authority, North Side Resource Center, The Cape Fear Healthy Carolinians Obesity Prevention Initiative, UNCW, Cooperative Extension and WRAAP Kid's Cafe Program) the Garden of Hope provides resources for afterschool programs such as nutrition, life skills, exercise and food for local organizations.



Let your friends and loved ones know that you're thinking of them and spread the word about the work of the Food Bank by [sending a Spring Ecard!](#)

[Charity Navigator 4-Star Rating](#)

Charity Navigator, America's premier charity evaluator, has awarded the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina with its coveted 4-star rating for sound fiscal management. This is the seventh consecutive year that the Food Bank has achieved the rating.



"Less than 1% of the charities that have been evaluated have received 7 consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that the Food Bank outperforms most charities in America in its efforts to operate in the most fiscally responsible way." says Michael Smith, Interim President/Chief Operating Officer for Charity Navigator.

The New York Times, NPR and The Chronicle of Philanthropy, among others, have profiled and celebrated Charity Navigator's unique method of applying data-driven analysis to the charitable sector. The Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina is honored to receive such a prestigious rating. [Tell a friend about this great news!](#)

The mission of the **Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina** is to harness and supply resources so that no one goes hungry in central and eastern North Carolina. The administrative overhead of the Food Bank is 3%. The Food Bank serves the following counties:

- Durham Branch: Chatham, Durham, Granville, Orange, Person, Vance
- Greenville Branch: Carteret, Craven, Edgecombe, Greene, Jones, Lenoir, Onslow, Pamlico, Pitt, Wilson
- Raleigh Branch: Duplin, Franklin, Halifax, Harnett, Johnston, Nash, Sampson, Wake, Warren, Wayne
- Sandhills Branch: Lee, Moore, Richmond, Scotland
- Wilmington Branch: Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover, Pender



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