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The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina Serving More People Thanks to Community Partners

54 million meals served because of generous donations

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RALEIGH, NC – The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina (the Food Bank) today announced its Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Partnership Recognition Program, which honors the generous support of corporate, foundation, government/civic donors across its 34 county service area.

"We are incredible grateful for the generosity of our partners and friends across all sectors of the community," said Peter Werbicki, President and CEO of the Food Bank. "Without their support, we would not have been able to distribute enough food to serve 54 million meals last year."

The President's Circle recognition list honors organizations who have supported the Food Bank with funding, food donations, and/or volunteer hours. Top donors for last fiscal year include [Cisco Systems](#), [Food Lion Feeds](#), [Harris Teeter](#), [Walmart](#), and the [William R. Kenan, Jr. Charitable Trust](#).

"Walmart is pleased to support the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina and continue to work with them to fight hunger in the community," said Brad Barritt, Market Manager for Walmart. "We are committed to helping those in need in the communities where we serve and through our work with the Food Bank, we are able to reach more of our neighbors in central and eastern North Carolina in need of nutritious food and meals."

To see a complete list of donors and recognition levels, please visit foodbank.com/partners.

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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 has provided food for people at risk of hunger in 34 counties in central and eastern North Carolina for more than 30 years. The Food Bank serves a network of more than 800 partner agencies such as soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters, and programs for children and adults through warehouses in Durham, Greenville, New Bern, Raleigh, the Sandhills (Southern Pines), and Wilmington. In fiscal year 2015-2016, the Food Bank distributed more than 64.4 million pounds of food (60% of which was perishable) and non-food essentials through these agencies. Sadly, hunger remains a serious problem in central and eastern North Carolina. In these counties, more than 600,000 people struggle to access nutritious and adequate amounts of food necessary for an active and healthy life. foodbankcenc.org.

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