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Local Community to Benefit from Nationwide® Foundation Grant to Feeding America®

Grant provides much needed support for the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina

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RALEIGH, NC – The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina today announced the receipt of \$65,000 from the Nationwide Foundation to support hunger-relief efforts in central and eastern North Carolina. In the 34 counties served by the Food Bank, more than 600,000 people are struggling with hunger.

“We are glad to partner with Nationwide Foundation and grateful for their strong support of our mission to ensure no one goes hungry in central and eastern North Carolina,” said Food Bank President and CEO Peter Werbicki. “Nationwide Foundation’s investment is helping the Food Bank put more food into the hands and onto the plates of low income individuals, children, families and older adults who need this nutrition to live healthy, productive lives.”

This grant is part of a \$1.5 million gift to Feeding America that will help provide healthier foods to people in need. With this donation, the Nationwide Foundation is investing in 22 food banks, including the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina, and supporting national produce-sourcing efforts to help ensure safe and efficient produce delivery to food banks and their partner agencies.

Core mission support is a vital part of keeping the Food Bank’s basic operations—such as sourcing and transporting healthy food, warehouse and fleet management, staffing support, and capacity building for our nonprofit partner agencies—running smoothly and continuously. Nationwide Foundation’s generous funding helped make it possible for the Food Bank to distribute over 15.2 million pounds of nutritious food and fresh produce—equivalent to 12.8 million meals—during the last three months, and to provide breakfast and lunch to nearly 5,000 at-risk children through our Kids Summer Meals Program.

“We’re committed to addressing the most critical needs in the communities where we live and work. Often those needs are the most basic ones, like ensuring that everyone in the community has enough food to live a healthy, productive life,” said Chad Jester, president of the Nationwide Foundation. “That’s why we are proud to partner with the Foodbank of Central & Eastern North Carolina.”

The following Feeding America network members are receiving grants from the Nationwide Foundation:

Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank, Canton, OH
Atlanta Community Food Bank, Atlanta, GA
Blue Ridge Area Food Bank, Verona, VA
Bread of the Mighty Food Bank, Inc., Gainesville, FL
Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, Harrisburg, PA
FeedMore, Inc., Richmond, VA
Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina, Raleigh, NC
Food Bank of Iowa, Des Moines, IA
Food Bank of Lincoln, Inc., Lincoln, NE
Food Bank of the Rockies, Denver, CO
Greater Cleveland Food Bank, Cleveland, OH
Mid-Ohio Foodbank, Grove City, OH
Mid-South Food Bank, Memphis, TN
New Hampshire Food Bank, Manchester, NH
North Texas Food Bank, Dallas, TX
Philabundance, Philadelphia, PA
Placer Food Bank, Roseville, CA
San Antonio Food Bank, San Antonio, TX
Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County, Irvine, CA
Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee, Nashville, TN
St. Mary’s Food Bank Alliance, Phoenix, AZ
The Maryland Food Bank, Baltimore, MD

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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. www.foodbankcenc.org.