



MEDIA ADVISORY

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

59 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 2016-2017 Partnership Recognition Program, which honors the generous support of corporate, foundation, government, and civic donors across its 34-county service area.

At an event held last night, the Food Bank thanked its top donors who have supported the Food Bank with funding, food donations, and/or volunteer hours. Top donors include Food Lion, the Walmart Foundation, Full House Farms, and Publix Super Markets Charities.

“We are incredibly 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 59 million meals last year.”

The Food Bank last night also honored Earline Middleton, Vice President for Agency Services & Programs, with its annual Hunt-Morgridge Service Award, which recognizes extraordinary leadership and dedication to hunger relief. Earline has been a leader at the Food Bank for more than 25 years, playing a vital role in the implementation of anti-hunger and anti-poverty legislation as well as working with her team to greatly expand the capacity of the non-profit organizations with whom the Food Bank partners.

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 35 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 2016-2017, the Food Bank distributed 70 million pounds of food (over half 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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