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Lowes Foods Donates \$40,000 to The Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC

Donation will support Stop Summer Hunger initiative, helping ensure local children and families in need receive food

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Wilmington, NC –The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina today announced it has received more than \$40,000 and nearly 50,000 pounds of food as part of the Lowes Foods ‘Bag Childhood Hunger’ initiative. More than \$10,000 of that total will go directly serve the greater-Wilmington community.

During summer months, as many North Carolinians’ thoughts turn to planned vacations, more than 70,000 people in Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover, and Pender counties (including 1 in three children) are worried about their budgets being stretched even further. The food and funds donated by Lowes Foods will go directly to nourishing these individuals and families as summer winds down and back-to-school time begins.

“Summer is an especially tough time for the families we serve, and thanks to community partners like Lowes Foods, we’re able to continue our work distributing nutritious food options for those who are hungry in our community,” said the Food Bank’s Wilmington Branch Director Beth Gaglione. “We’re incredibly grateful for Lowes’ commitment to our mission of ensuring no one goes hungry in central and eastern North Carolina.”

During the month of June, the Lowes Foods ‘Bag Childhood Hunger’ initiative accepted monetary and food donations at their stores across North Carolina. At a check presentation held Tuesday, August 15, 2017 (photo attached), Lowes leadership shared their continued dedication to fighting food insecurity in the Wilmington community, where many of their employees live and have built their families.

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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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