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Triangle Community Hurricane Relief Food Drive Raises Over 40,000 Pounds for States in Need

Food and supplies will support the Feeding Northeast Florida Food Bank in Jacksonville, FL

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Raleigh, NC – The Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina (the Food Bank) and WRAL-TV partnered for a day long “food-raising” drive on September 20, raising 42,000 pounds of food, cleaning, and personal hygiene supplies for people in storm-impacted states. Items collected are being prepared for transport and distribution to the Feeding Northeast Florida Food Bank in Jacksonville, FL.

At locations in Raleigh and Durham, the Triangle community donated much needed items such as pop-top cans, snack food items, and other shelf-stable goods along with cleaning supplies and toiletries for storm devastated communities. The food drive continued through September 24 in Rocky Mount, where several businesses at Rocky Mount Mills accepted donations during their normal operating hours through Sunday. Koi Pond Brewing Company, TBC West: Tacos & Taproom, Topsy Tomato, Ramblers Bottle Shop and The Battle House all are participating in the donation drive.

“Helping people in need is in the DNA of Capitol Broadcasting. Our North Carolina neighbors stepped up to make an incredible impact with their donations. We’re proud to be a part of this giving community and will continue to support those affected by recent hurricanes,” says Steven D. Hammel, Vice President and General Manager of WRAL-TV & FOX 50.

Storm-battered communities in Texas, Florida, and Georgia are fighting to move forward on the long road to recovery. Millions are trying to clean up the destruction left by back-to-back hurricanes, but they are grappling with sweltering heat, often without power and with limited access to food and supplies.

“The Food Bank received incredible support from this wonderful community following Hurricane Matthew last year. We know how long it takes for people to restock and rebuild after such devastating storms, and working with Feeding America, we stand ready to help our sister food banks in Florida, Texas, and Georgia however we can, for as long as is needed,” said Peter Werbicki, President & CEO of the Food Bank.

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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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