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The Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC Serving More People Thanks to Generous Partnerships

More than 600,000 people facing hunger supported this year

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RALEIGH, NC – The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina (the Food Bank) today announced its thanks for the the generous support of corporate and foundation donors across its 34-county service area during the 2018 calendar year.

The Bank of America Charitable Foundation supports the Food Bank's work in the Triangle and the greater-Wilmington area through funds that allowed for stronger nutrition programs, increased amounts of fresh foods being distributed, and resources to ensure rural communities are being reached. Bank of America's support has also helped build collaborations with other local non-profits to reach people in need.

Nationwide Insurance Foundation has long been dedicated to the Food Bank's work through volunteer time and financial support. The monetary support from Nationwide ensures that the Food Bank is able to resource and distribute the healthiest foods possible and employ skilled staff to distribute that food efficiently and where it's most needed in the 34-county service area. Nationwide's consistent volunteer work helps make sure the food brought in can be easily accessed by the families in need.

The Norfolk Southern Foundation is a long-standing partner of the Food Bank. Through their generous donations, the Food Bank is able to expand programs such as community gardens, which reach all ages of people with education and nutritious food. Understanding that the Food Bank's work requires resources and assets that can't always be planned, Norfolk Southern's support has allowed for directing funds to multiple areas of need.

The Genworth Foundation has provided long-term support for the Food Bank's core mission of ensuring no one goes hungry. Through their consistent volunteer work

and generous monetary donations, Genworth has helped the Food Bank provide nourishment to families and individuals consistently, and provide access to education and other resources to help break the cycle of hunger in central and eastern North Carolina.

“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. “With their support, the vision of solving hunger in our 34-county service area becomes possible.”

For more information, 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 2017-2018, the Food Bank distributed nearly 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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