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New Teaching Kitchen Unveiled to Serve North Carolinians in Need

Food Bank and Allscripts partnership provides nutrition education to fight hunger

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RALEIGH, NC – The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina today announced its partnership with Allscripts Healthcare Solutions to launch the Allscripts Teaching Kitchen – a new space that will be used to teach cooking skills, and share healthy recipes and nutrition education, with organizations serving families and individuals facing hunger.

“Allscripts is proud to partner with the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina,” said Joy Newhouse, Allscripts Community Relations Manager. “The Allscripts Teaching Kitchen will help further the Food Bank’s mission to ensure no one goes hungry, as part of our vision to build a connected community of health for our neighbors.”

At an event held Friday, March 3, 2017, to coincide with National Nutrition Month, Allscripts employees joined local non-profit organizations to dedicate the kitchen, and participate in healthy cooking demonstrations using food donations typically found at the Food Bank: sweet potatoes and ground turkey.

The Allscripts Teaching Kitchen will operate under the Food Bank’s [recently launched](#) Community Health & Engagement department, the goal of which is to help members of the community move permanently out of the state of food insecurity. The partnership will enable the continued development of a nutrition education program for the on-site teaching kitchen, as well as collaboration with other non-profits to bring nutrition education and resources to those who are at-risk of hunger.

“Thanks to the support of generous partners like Allscripts, the Food Bank is able to focus on breaking the cycle of hunger in the communities we serve by providing education, information, and hands-on experience with preparing and cooking healthy foods,” said Gideon Adams, Food Bank Vice President of Community Health & Engagement.

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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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