



NEWS RELEASE

CHEF'S FEAST ON THE RIVER TO RAISE FUNDS FOR WILMINGTON FOOD BANK

Featuring special guests Chef Vivian Howard and Chef Keith Rhodes

WILMINGTON, NC (September 21, 2016) – The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Wilmington will host Chef's Feast on the River Wednesday, October 19 at Pier 33 from 6pm-8pm. Tickets are available online by visiting ChefsFeastNC.org. Visit some of Wilmington's finest eateries on one night in one location. Local chefs will be the stars of the evening, serving up signature cuisine to raise funds for Cape Fear region families struggling with food insecurity.

Vivian Howard, known for her PBS television series "A Chef's Life", is making the Wilmington stop of her book tour for [Deep Run Roots](#) at Chef's Feast on the River. Vivian is owner and chef of the acclaimed restaurant Chef & the Farmer just 15 minutes from her hometown of Deep Run, North Carolina. A limited number of tickets are available for an exclusive book discussion and signing.

The evening promises a decadent array of amazing cuisine. In addition, guests will indulge in live music by The Midatlantic and a food-themed live auction while enjoying watching the sunset over the beautiful Cape Fear River.

Confirmed Chefs:

Vivian Howard of Chef & the Farmer

Keith Rhodes of Catch

Dean Neff and Lydia Clopton of PinPoint

Ryan Andress of UNCW Catering

Craig Love of Surf House

Steve Harrington of Steviemack's International Food Company

Matt Register of Southern Smoke BBQ NC

Tickets for the book signing only are \$50. Tickets to the event \$85 for a single, \$175 for a couple, and \$225 for a couple with a Vivian Howard meet & greet (plus fees on all tickets). Special thanks to presenting sponsors Harris Teeter, and media partners Jammin 99.9, WILMA and the Greater Wilmington Business Journal. Proceeds benefit the nearly 75,000 people living with food insecurity in the Wilmington Branch service area. *To sponsor the event or reserve a table, please contact Beth Gaglione, Wilmington Branch Director, at (910) 251-1465 ext. 2205 or at bgaglione@foodbankcenc.org.*

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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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