



CHEF'S FEAST TO RAISE FUNDS TO HELP FOOD BANK CENC FEED KIDS THIS SUMMER

Featuring special guests Chef Vivian Howard, Chef Walter Royal, and Chef Eric Gephart

RALEIGH, NC (June 3, 2016) – The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina will host the inaugural Chef's Feast "Summertime Memories" event on Monday, June 6, 2016 at Kamado Grille. The event will serve to raise funds to provide meals for the nearly 300,000 children who lose access to school meals when cafeterias close for the summer. Chef's Feast was made possible by partners Kroger and Kamado Grille.

During the event, renowned chefs will prepare, demonstrate, and serve their favorite summer recipes in an intimate environment. There will also be wine pairings, a signature drink, and an opportunity to bid on unique live auction items and to win raffle prizes. In attendance will be Vivian Howard, Executive Chef of Kinston-based Chef & the Farmer, James Beard award winner, and host of PBS cooking series "A Chef's Life." Walter Royal, Executive Chef at the Angus Barn and Chef Eric Gephart of the Kamado Grille will also be preparing and serving a course that reflect their unique styles but also infused with their favorite summer memories.

"We are thrilled to have three of the best North Carolina chefs lend their talents to support the thousands of children in our 34-county service area who are losing access to school meals when cafeterias close this summer," said Peter Werbicki, President/CEO of the Food Bank. "Kroger and Kamado Grille have been key partners in making this event possible and we hope the results mean filling the gap for thousands of hungry children in our community."

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Members of the media are invited to the Food Bank, located at 3808 Tarheel Drive in Raleigh, from 10am-11am on Monday, June 6. Chef Howard and executives from Kroger will be available for interviews during this period. The media is also welcome to cover the event at Kamado Grille, located at 832 Spring Forest Road in Raleigh, beginning at 5pm. The chefs will not have media availability during the event.

Very limited seating is still available. Those who cannot attend the event can purchase raffle tickets online before Monday, June 6 at 12noon. To purchase tickets or for more information about the event, visit chefsfeastnc.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 2014-2015, the Food Bank distributed more than 57 million pounds of food and non-food essentials through these agencies. Sadly, hunger remains a serious problem in central and eastern North Carolina. In these counties, nearly 650,000 people struggle to access nutritious and adequate amounts of food necessary for an active and healthy life. foodbankcenc.org.

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