



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Food Bank’s “Chef’s Feast” Event Provides 900,000 Meals**

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*RALEIGH, NC* – The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina (the Food Bank) today announced its Chef’s Feast at Fearington event, held March 22 at Fearington Village, raised enough funds to provide 900,000 meals.

The event featured four courses of delicious food from local and regional chefs, wine and beer pairings, and a live auction. The evening was made possible by presenting partner US Foods.

“US Foods is honored to have a strong partnership with the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina. By working together, we believe we can make an impactful difference in the lives of the more than 600,000 community members directly benefiting from the Food Bank’s services,” said Smokey Norris, US Foods area president for East North Carolina. “We are proud to be a part of Chef’s Feast at Fearington and we encourage other businesses across the area to join the Food Bank in the fight against hunger in Eastern North Carolina.”

“We are so grateful to everyone involved in the Chef’s Feast event,” said Amy Beros, Vice President of Development, Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina. “US Foods and our other partners came together to create a beautiful evening and best of all, thousands of meals for our friends and neighbors.”

Other partners who helped make the event possible: Fearington Village, Food Lion, Allscripts, Dude Solutions, Bailey’s Fine Jewelry, Able & Co., FreshPoint, Morgan Stanley, Railinc, Suite Paws, and York Properties.

In the Food Bank’s 34-county service area, nearly 630,000 people live in food insecure household and have trouble accessing enough food, especially healthy food.

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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 2016-2017, the Food Bank distributed 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](http://foodbankcenc.org).



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