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GE Partners with the Food Bank to Support Local Children

Donation helps provide food to 50 children every week

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WILMINGTON, NC – GE and the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Wilmington today announced a new partnership in support of the Weekend Power Pack program at Wrightsboro United Methodist Church.

Thanks to a \$15,000 gift from GE, 50 food-insecure children from Wrightsboro Elementary School and Holly Shelter Middle School will receive back packs at the end of each week, filled with nutritious meals to take home for the weekend. Additionally, this gift will make food available to the students when they are out of school for extended periods of time, such as spring and winter holidays.

"GE employees take pride in giving back to the communities where we live and work," said Jay Wileman, President and CEO, GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy. "Through this partnership we look forward to supporting the mission of the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina that no one goes hungry."

"What better way to give back than to support two schools close to our campus," said Jason Swinny, Plant Manager, GE Aviation. "We are excited about this initiative and all it will do to help end hunger in our immediate community."

Following a two-week long food drive on the GE Wilmington site, during which employees of GE Hitachi and GE Aviation donated items to "Fill a Bag" for the 50 students, employees came together at the GE Volunteers Kick-off Event. During this event, more than 270 backpacks were decorated and filled for children attending the schools—far exceeding the original goal of 50 backpacks. The event was hosted on Valentine's Day in order to show love to these children in the Wilmington community.

"We are incredibly thankful for this new partnership and gift from GE," said Beth Gaglione, Branch Director at the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Wilmington. "No child

should have to worry where their next meal is coming from, and it's thanks to the dedication of partners like GE that we can continue our work to break the cycle of hunger."

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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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