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### **Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina Gears Up for TEFAP Distribution**

Raleigh, NC.....The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina, one of seven Feeding America member food banks in North Carolina, will administer The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) in Halifax County effective January 17, 2011. TEFAP is the Federal commodities program that helps to provide food assistance to low-income households. The food was formerly distributed to qualifying Halifax County households through the Halifax County Council on Aging. Now TEFAP commodities will be distributed via local food pantries that are partnered with the Food Bank.

In North Carolina, individuals and families whose incomes are at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Guideline qualify to receive TEFAP commodities. For example, a family of four that earns \$44,100 or less each year qualifies to receive TEFAP commodities. Any household that receives Food and Nutrition Services (i.e. Food Stamp) benefits automatically qualifies to receive TEFAP commodities.

Food Bank partner agencies distributing TEFAP commodities are as follows:

Concerned Citizens of Tillery, 321 Community Center Road, Tillery, 252-826-3244, every Tuesday from 11a.m. through 2p.m., the 3rd Saturday of each month, and by emergency;  
Hollister Reach, 64 Knight Road, Hollister, 252-586-3215, Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. through 5 p.m.; London Missionary Baptist Church, 3386 US HWY 158, Roanoke Rapids, 252-537-4532, 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:30 a.m. through 11:30 a.m. ; My Father's House, 543 Richardson Road, Enfield, 252-883-3614, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. through 12 p.m.; Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, 13th & Roanoke Streets, Scotland Neck, 252-826-4440, Sunday from 12:30 p.m. through 2:30 p.m. and every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday from 1 p.m. through 4 p.m.; Twilight Missionary Baptist Church, 1781 Aurelian Springs Road, Weldon, 252-451-0757, every Wednesday from 9 a.m. through 1 p.m.; Union Mission, Inc., 1310 Roanoke Avenue, Roanoke Rapids, 252-537-3372, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m.

**About the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina**

The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina is a nonprofit organization that provides food for people at risk of hunger in 34 counties in central and eastern North Carolina. 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 2009-2010, the Food Bank distributed more than 41.5 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, more than 500,000 struggle each day to provide enough food for their families. [www.foodbankcenc.org](http://www.foodbankcenc.org).

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