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Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina Gears Up for TEFAP Distribution in Lenoir County

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 Lenoir County, effective February 14, 2011. TEFAP is the Federal commodities program that helps to provide food assistance to low-income households. The food was formerly distributed to qualifying Lenoir County households through the Lenoir County Department of Social Services at the local National Guard Armory. 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: Alpha & Omega Church, 410 E. Washington St., Kinston, NC 28501, 252-523-0355, the 3rd Monday of each month from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.; Bibleway COGIC, 529 Larkspur Road, Kinston, NC 28501, 910-675-9330, the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; Greater St. Peter Church Ministries, 886 Will Baker Road, Kinston, NC 28504, 252-520-0010, the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; Herring Grove FWB Church, 4851 Hwy 70 West, Kinston, NC 28501, 252-527-0945, the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; St. Mark Church Ministries, 1009 E. Bright Street, Kinston, NC 28501, 252-523-0871, the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 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.

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