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Dr. Jim Leutze to Chair Wilmington Regional Council

WILMINGTON – The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Wilmington announced that Dr. Jim Leutze will chair the Wilmington Branch Regional Council. Dr. Leutze will work with Food Bank Board Members, President/CEO, and Branch Director to identify local community leaders to comprise the first Wilmington Regional Council. Regional Council members will serve as advocates for the Wilmington Branch by generating funds and building awareness to support the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina’s mission.

“I am looking forward to working with staff and board to form a strong Regional Council for the Wilmington Branch of the Food Bank,” Leutze said. “In order to meet the rising hunger problem in this area, we are building a committed group to advocate and grow resources for the Food Bank.”

Dr. Leutze holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Maryland, a master’s degree from the University of Miami and a doctoral degree from Duke University. A veteran, Leutze served in the U.S. Air Force, rising from 2nd Lt. to the rank of Captain. From 1968-1987 he taught in the History Department at UNC Chapel Hill where he won numerous teaching awards and wrote two national prize-winning books. In 1986 he was named the first Dowd Professor and the next year he accepted the presidency of Hampton-Sydney College. In 1990 he was named chancellor of UNC Wilmington, a post he retained until retiring in 2003. Dr. Leutze has lived in Wilmington for more than 20 years with his wife, Margaret Gates.

“Dr. Leutze has been involved in the fight against hunger in the Wilmington area for many years,” said Jeff Rose, Wilmington Branch Director. “The Food Bank is fortunate to be the beneficiary of Leutze’s passion for the mission. His strong community ties will propel the Wilmington Branch forward as we continue to meet an increased need for emergency food.”

The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Wilmington is located at 1314 Marstellar Street in Wilmington. In fiscal year 2010-11, the Food Bank distributed 4,804,726 pounds of food through a network of over 90 partner agencies in the service area of Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover, and Pender Counties. In the four county area, 61,543 individuals struggle with hunger including 7,142 seniors and 18,338 children.

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Based in Raleigh, the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina serves 34 counties in the central and eastern part of the state through six warehouses in Durham, Greenville, New Bern, Raleigh, Southern Pines and Wilmington.

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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 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 2010-2011, the Food Bank distributed more than 42.75 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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