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Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina New Administrator for TEFAP in Columbus County

WILMINGTON – The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina, one of seven Feeding America member food banks in North Carolina, now administers The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) in Columbus County through the Wilmington Branch. Located at 1314 Marsteller Street in Wilmington, the Branch also administers TEFAP for New Hanover and Pender Counties. TEFAP is the Federal commodities program that helps to provide food assistance to low-income households. The food was formerly distributed to qualifying Columbus County households through Four County Community Services. Now TEFAP commodities are 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 \$44,700 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:

- Believers Home Fellowship, 212 Faith Circle, Tabor City, 910-653-7299, every third Saturday from 8 a.m. through 12 p.m.
- Dreams R Us, Inc., 684 Main Street, Fair Bluff, 910-649-7313, every third Thursday at 11 a.m.
- Harvest Table, 211 East Columbus Street, Whiteville, 910-641-1547, every Monday 10 a.m. through 1 p.m.

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- Jesus Tabernacle, 812 Spearman Road, Bolton, 910-655-0063, Wednesdays 4 p.m. through 6 p.m. (closed the 2nd Wednesday).

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 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. Twitter: @FoodBankCENC

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