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LETTER CARRIERS TO PERFORM DOUBLE DUTY ON SATURDAY DURING “STAMP OUT HUNGER” FOOD DRIVE

WILMINGTON - On Saturday May 10th, Letter Carriers in Wilmington, and across the country, will perform double duty on their routes – deliver the mail and collect food items during the **22nd Annual STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE**. Food donations in Wilmington will benefit the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Wilmington, located at 1314 Marsteller Street. In 2013, more than 212,000 pounds of food (equivalent to 178,000 meals) were collected in Wilmington during Stamp Out Hunger.

On Stamp Out Hunger Day, the public is asked to simply place bags filled with nonperishable food items next to their mailbox. For the third year, bags are donated by AARP. A Letter Carrier will collect the donation and take it back to their postal branch where Food Bank volunteers will be on site throughout the day to unload the postal trucks.

MOST NEEDED ITEMS LIST INCLUDES:

- Canned Meals: Stews, Soups, Tuna, Ravioli, etc. *(Pop-top cans a plus!)*
- Peanut Butter
- Cereal
- Canned Fruits and Vegetables
- Rice, Pasta and Dried Beans
- Hygiene Items: Toothpaste, Shaving Items, Soap, etc.
- Paper Products: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, etc.
- Infant Products: Diapers, Wipes, Formula, Infant Cereal

NO GLASS, PLEASE!

In the four counties served by the Food Bank's Wilmington branch (Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover, and Pender counties), over 69,000 individuals struggle to put and keep meals on the table.

The Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive comes at a critical time when holiday food drive donations are long gone and children who depend on free and reduced breakfast/lunch programs at school will lose access to those meals during summer break. Go to www.foodbankcenc.org for more information.

ATTACHMENTS

- Stamp Out Hunger Logo
- Stamp Out Hunger_mailbox

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 2012-2013, the Food Bank distributed nearly 52 million pounds of food (43 million meals) and non-food essentials through these agencies. Sadly, hunger remains a serious problem in central and eastern North Carolina. In these counties, more than 560,000 struggle each day to provide enough food for their families. www.foodbankcenc.org. Twitter: @FoodBankCENC

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