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

Durham, Raleigh Letter Carriers Team up for 2012 Stamp Out Hunger Challenge

RALEIGH - On Saturday May 12, Letter Carriers in the Triangle, and across the country, will perform double duty on their routes – deliver the mail and collect food items during the **20th Annual STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE**. Food donations in the Triangle will benefit the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina. Last year, Triangle Letter Carriers issued a challenge to see which city, Raleigh or Durham, would have the greatest percentage increase over the previous year. Durham Letter Carriers increased the percentage of donations by more than 34% and won the challenge.

On Stamp Out Hunger Day, the public is asked to simply place bags filled with nonperishable food items next to their mailbox. 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.

The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina has more than 545,000 individuals in their 34-county service area who struggle to put and keep meals on the table. More than 50 percent are children and seniors.

In the Sandhills, donations benefit the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina's branch in Southern Pines and partner agencies.

The Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive comes at a critical time when holiday food drive donations are long gone.

Go to www.foodbankcenc.org for more information.

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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 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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