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## LETTER CARRIERS PERFORMED DOUBLE DUTY DURING “STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE”

*Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC Releases Preliminary Total for 34-county service area*

**RALEIGH, NC** - On Saturday May 12, Letter Carriers across the country, performed double duty on their routes – delivered the mail and collected food items during the **20<sup>th</sup> Annual STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE**. Preliminary Stamp Out Hunger totals for the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina’s (FBCENC) 34-county service area are 343,973 pounds with five of the organization's six branches reporting. Sweeps of postal branches will take place early next week with a final total to be released by Friday, May 18. This preliminary total is already more than 50,000 pounds over last year's collection.

Preliminary totals by FBCENC branch:

FBCENC at Wilmington: 81,000 pounds  
FBCENC at Durham: 47,936 pounds  
FBCENC at Greenville/New Bern: 28,702 pounds  
FBCENC (main - Raleigh): 186,335 pounds  
FBCENC at Sandhills: Preliminary report pending

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. The Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive comes at a critical time when holiday food drive donations are long gone. The Food Bank is also preparing for the increase partners, such as food pantries, see when thousands of children who are on the free and reduced-cost meal program will no longer have access to the school cafeteria during summer break.

### **PHOTO ATTACHED:**

“Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina volunteers unload postal trucks in Durham during the 2012 Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive”

### **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](http://www.foodbankcenc.org). Twitter: @FoodBankCENC

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