



## FOOD BANK OF CENTRAL & EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA PARTNERS WITH EIGHT DAYS OF HOPE

*Restoration continues for families in Pamlico County hit by Hurricane Irene*

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The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina and the organization Eight Days of Hope (EDOHO) are working together to help restore the lives of hundreds of families in Pamlico County who were affected by Hurricane Irene in August 2011.

Eight Days of Hope (EDOHO) is coming to eastern North Carolina at the end of May to rebuild and restore homes in Pamlico County. Nearly 2,000 volunteers from around the country are expected to travel to the area to be a part of this effort. EDOHO will rebuild and repair homes for about 220 families in Pamlico County. The project ends on Saturday, June 2.

The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina (FBCENC) will then come in and stock the pantries of those newly repaired and rebuilt homes. Food Bank volunteers will sort and pack food and non-food items at the Food Bank's Greenville and Raleigh warehouses. Once all the food and non-food items are packed, the items will be loaded onto two Food Bank trucks and delivered to the St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Parish in Oriental on **Monday, June 4, 2012** where distribution will begin at 1 p.m. Food distribution to the Eight Days of Hope recipient families will be coordinated by Pamlico County Fishes and Loaves Outreach in Oriental during the week of June 4 through June 8.

Each family will be contacted directly regarding the distribution. The plan is for each household to receive at least two boxes of food and a box of non-food items. Each family will also have the opportunity to choose three to four specialty items such as mops, brooms, ironing boards, pillows, comforters, etc.

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**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 since 1980. 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 (main warehouse), the Sandhills (Southern Pines) and Wilmington.

When Hurricane Irene hit eastern North Carolina, the Food Bank immediately responded on Sunday, August 28 with deliveries of disaster relief product. The Food Bank delivered nearly 84,000 pounds of product directly to Pamlico County during the relief efforts.

During Hurricane Irene, the Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC total disaster relief efforts equaled nearly 840,000 pounds.

**The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina has a long history of responding to natural disasters:**

- In 1996 the Food Bank distributed a little more than 1 million pounds of food as disaster relief after Hurricane Fran.
- In 1998, the Food Bank distributed nearly 300,000 pounds of food and relief supplies to the emergency operation centers of our sister food bank in the east, the Food Bank of the Albemarle, in the aftermath of Hurricane Bonnie
- In 1999, fifteen of the 34 counties served by the Food Bank were devastated by Hurricane Floyd. We distributed 5.3 million pounds of food and relief supplies. During Hurricane Floyd, the Food Bank was open 24 hours a day for the first three months after the storm. For five months we responded to the need in eastern North Carolina to those affected.
- In 2003, the Food Bank distributed more than 411,000 pounds of food and relief supplies in Carteret and Pamlico Counties due to Hurricane Isabel.
- With the devastation of the 2005 hurricane season, the Food Bank sent nine truckloads of relief food and essentials to help the victims of the hurricanes in the Gulf Coast. The Food Bank distributed over 233,000 pounds of food to that area.
- In April 2011, the organization distributed nearly 500,000 pounds of disaster relief product to partner agencies affected by the tornadoes in the hardest hit counties in its 34-county service area.

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For more information about the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina, go to [www.foodbankcenc.org](http://www.foodbankcenc.org).

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