



NATIONWIDE INSURANCE FOUNDATION GIVES FOOD BANK OF CENTRAL & EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA \$30,000

Funds Come at a Time of Great Need, Says CEO

RALEIGH, NC (May 30, 2013) – The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina today announced that they have received a grant of \$30,000 from the Nationwide Insurance Foundation. **(PHOTO ATTACHED)** The Food Bank is receiving the funds as a part of a \$1.25 million donation being made to the national office of Feeding America, the nation’s largest domestic hunger-relief organization and 19 of its member food banks in communities where Nationwide associates live and work.

“We are very pleased to receive this donation from the Nationwide Insurance Foundation,” said Peter Werbicki, President/CEO of the Food Bank. “Support like this is crucial at a time when the need is still great in our 34-county service area.”

“Nationwide is honored to support the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina,” said Chad Jester, president of the Nationwide Insurance Foundation. “We’re also proud of the Nationwide associates who selflessly give their time and energy in support of hunger-relief initiatives. At Nationwide, we believe that we can do more together than we can alone.”

In addition to Nationwide Insurance Foundation’s financial support, thousands of Nationwide associates donate to food drives and volunteer at food banks throughout the country each year. In 2010, Feeding America awarded Nationwide Insurance the Group Volunteer Service of the Year Award for the company’s work with the Mid-Ohio Foodbank.

PHOTO ID (L to R): Sherman McCoy (Left), Staff Operations Director for Nationwide’s North Carolina Operations, presents a \$30,000 check to Peter Werbicki (Right), President/CEO of the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at the Food Bank’s main warehouse in Raleigh, NC. Nationwide’s Personal Lines Underwriting Department in the background ready to participate in a volunteer project at the Food Bank.

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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 2011-2012, the Food Bank distributed nearly 45 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 560,000 struggle each day to provide enough food for their families. www.foodbankcenc.org.

About the Nationwide Insurance Foundation

The Nationwide Insurance Foundation is an independent corporation funded by contributions from Nationwide companies. Founded in 1959, the Nationwide Insurance Foundation has committed more than \$310 million since 2000 to help nonprofit organizations in communities where Nationwide customers, associates, agents and their families live and work. Just as Nationwide supports its customers in their moment of need, the company's involvement in its home communities is focused on supporting organizations that help people facing critical or immediate need. For more information, visit www.nationwide.com/corporatecitizenship

About Feeding America

Feeding America provides low-income individuals and families with the fuel to survive and even thrive. As the nation's leading domestic hunger-relief charity, our network members supply food to more than 37 million Americans each year, including 14 million children and 3 million seniors. Serving the entire United States, more than 200 member food banks support 61,000 agencies that address hunger in all of its forms. For more information on how you can fight hunger in your community and across the country, visit <http://www.feedingamerica.org>. Find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/FeedingAmerica](https://www.facebook.com/FeedingAmerica) or follow our news on Twitter at twitter.com/FeedingAmerica.

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