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**The Grainger Foundation Supports  
the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina**

**Greenville, NC (June 17, 2010)** - The Grainger Foundation, Lake Forest, Illinois, has donated \$20,000 to the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina to provide assistance for important programs designed to help alleviate hunger locally. The donation took place during a check presentation ceremony at the Food Bank's warehouse in Greenville, North Carolina, on Wednesday, June 16.

"This grant will help sustain our Kids Summer Stock Food and Funds Drive in Greenville as well as the food bank in Raleigh," said Peter Werbicki, President and CEO of the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina. "Many of the rescue missions, food pantries, and soup kitchens supported by the Food Bank have seen the demand for their services continue to rise. We are grateful to The Grainger Foundation for its generosity."

Within the Food Bank's service area more than 500,000 people are at risk of hunger. For every dollar donated, the food bank is able to distribute approximately \$8 worth of food.

This donation was recommended by Neil Zingler and Kenneth Johnson, Branch Managers of W.W. Grainger, Inc.'s Greenville and Raleigh locations, respectively. Grainger has been a part of the area's business communities for more than more than 30 years as the leading broad line supplier of facilities maintenance, repair, and operating (MRO) products. "We are proud to recommend the programs offered by the food bank," said Zingler. "We understand the important role the food bank plays in assisting families in our local community."

The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina is a non-profit organization that provides food to people at risk of hunger in 34 counties in central and eastern North Carolina. In 2008-09, the food bank distributed over 36.8 million pounds of food through 800 partner agencies including soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters, and after school programs for children.

The Food Bank also has warehouses in Durham, Raleigh, Wilmington and Southern Pines.

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