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

**Raleigh, North Carolina, (June 21, 2013)** - The Grainger Foundation has donated \$40,000 to the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina in support of its Stop Summer Hunger Campaign. A check presentation will be held on Friday, June 28, 10:30 a.m. at the Food Bank branch in Wilmington, 1314 Marstellar Avenue.

“This grant will be used to support programs fighting childhood hunger and to help cover operating expenses at our Greenville, Raleigh, Sandhills and Wilmington branches,” 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.”

In the 34 counties served by the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina there are nearly 300,000 children who lose access to the free and reduced-cost breakfast and lunch during the summer break. The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina is able to take a \$1 donation and distribute generally \$10 worth of food or five meals.

This donation was recommended by Branch Managers Kenneth Johnson of the Raleigh, NC location, Keith Lobbstaef of the Wilmington, NC location, Tim Clevenger of the Fayetteville, NC location and Neil Zingler of the Greenville, NC location. Grainger has been a part of the Eastern North Carolina business community for more than 30 years as the leading broad line supplier of maintenance, repair, and operating products.

The local Grainger managers noted, “We understand the need for action and fully support the Food Bank’s efforts to address childhood hunger in each of our communities”. They are extremely proud to support the Stop Summer Hunger Program offered by the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina and take great pride in the fact that the Food Bank can turn their donation into \$400,000 worth of food or 200,000 meals.

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The Grainger Foundation, an independent, private foundation based in Lake Forest, Illinois, was established in 1949 by William W. Grainger, founder of W.W. Grainger, Inc.

Established in 1980, 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 more than 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 Wilmington. In fiscal year 2011-2012, the Food Bank distributed), nearly 45 million pounds of food and non-food essentials through these agencies.

**PHOTO OPPORTUNITY:**

- **“Big Check” presentation**

**INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITY:**

- **Food Bank Branch Director from Wilmington**
- **Grainger Executives from Raleigh, Greenville, Southern Pines and Wilmington**

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