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Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina Announces 2010 Summer Food Service Sites

One more way organization makes sure children are fed during the summer

WILMINGTON, NC - In 2008, the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina held the first Kids Summer Stock events around its service area to bring awareness to and collect food and funds for children who do not have access to school meals during the summer. The organization lead the awareness effort and also began planning for its own sponsorship opportunities of summer food programs as another way to feed the growing need among children at risk of hunger. In 2009, the organization sponsored 14 Summer Food Service Sites. As a result of the growing need for more programs, the Food Bank will sponsor 30 sites during summer 2010 and anticipates serving more than 109,000 meals to children at locations throughout its 34 counties. Today, the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina announces the 2010 sites that are still open to receive participants in their Wilmington Branch service area.

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is a federal child nutrition program that provides up to two meals a day to children age 18 and under during the summer (or when schools are on extended breaks of 15 days or more). Unfortunately, when school is out, millions of low-income children lose access to the school breakfasts, lunches and after-school snacks they receive during the regular school year. SFSP is designed to take the place of school meals, when school is out.

Last summer, the Food Bank served 19,013 meals to children participating in the SFSP in Halifax, Franklin, Wake, Nash, Chatham, Granville, Warren and Vance counties. The Food Bank took the responsibility of completing all paperwork, freeing the agencies to concentrate on the main goal – feeding children. This year the organization has doubled the number of sponsored programs.

Below are 2010 sites in Wilmington and surrounding areas that serve as Summer Food Service Programs and are still accepting participants:

Pleasant Grove Church
Brunswick
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
M-F

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Communities in Schools of Cape Fear - WIRE
New Hanover
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
M-Thu

Communities in Schools of Cape Fear - Pender
Pender
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
M-Thu

The Food Bank will also announce openings in its Durham, Raleigh, Southern Pines and Greenville service areas.

Please contact J. Caprice Brown, Outreach, Evaluations & Programs Manager at 919-865-3037 for more information about becoming a site sponsor. For a complete list of all SFSP sites go to www.foodbankcenc.org.

About the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina

The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina is a nonprofit organization that provides food for people at risk of hunger in 34 counties in central and eastern North Carolina. 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. In fiscal year 2008-2009, the Food Bank distributed nearly 37 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 individuals struggle each day to provide enough food for their families. www.foodbankcenc.org.

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