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FOOD BANK PREPARES FOR HURRICANE IRENE

Ready to receive donations to assist in response, recovery

RALEIGH - With Hurricane Irene headed toward North Carolina, the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina began taking inventory of disaster relief product earlier this week and securing additional warehouse space and warehouse equipment. The current path of the storm will likely affect the Food Bank's branches and service areas in Greenville, New Bern and Wilmington, possibly 15 of its 34 counties. Following the storm, the Food Bank will assess its partner agencies in counties affected by the storm to determine how their distribution capabilities fared. The organization will then send additional resources to the agencies affected by the storm; have extended hours for these organizations to shop for additional items and make special deliveries directly to agencies affected.

In times of a natural disaster, community donations also help to supplement the Food Bank's supply. Additional warehouse space has already been donated in the New Bern, Greenville and Wilmington areas.

Most needed items are:

- High-protein canned meals (pop-top cans)
- Single serving meals that do not require refrigeration or cooking/meals ready to eat
- Single serving snacks
- Peanut butter
- Infant Formula
- Hygiene products (Hand sanitizer, toothbrushes, soap, etc.)
- Cleaning supplies (wipes preferred)
- Paper goods and products (paper towels, paper plates/cups/napkins, plastic utensils)

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Take food donations to any Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina warehouse listed below:

Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Raleigh
3808 Tarheel Drive
Raleigh, NC 27609
919.875.0707
Business Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Durham
708 Gilbert Street
Durham, NC 27701
919.956.2513
Business Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Greenville
497 West 9th Street
Greenville, NC 27834
252-752-4996
Business Hours: Monday - Friday, 7:30am to 4 pm.

Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at New Bern
205 South Glenburnie Road
New, Bern NC 28560
252-514-2006
Business Hours: Tuesday - Thursday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Sandhills
195 Sandy Avenue
Southern Pines, NC 28387
910-692-5959
Business Hours: Monday - Friday, 8am to 4:30pm.

Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Wilmington
1314 Marsteller Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-251-1465
Business Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina has a long history of responding to natural disasters. 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 updates on Food Bank response and recovery efforts and to be a part of disaster relief in the 34 counties served by the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina, go to www.foodbankcenc.org.

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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 2009-2010, the Food Bank distributed more than 42.5 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 struggle each day to provide enough food for their families. www.foodbankcenc.org.

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