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FOOD BANK RESPONDS TO HURRICANE IRENE DEVASTATION IN EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

Ready to receive donations to assist in response, recovery

RALEIGH – The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina began taking inventory of disaster relief product and securing additional warehouse space a week ago, well before Hurricane Irene made landfall. The Food Bank's branches and service areas in Greenville, New Bern and Wilmington were in the path of the storm with many of its 34 counties affected. When Hurricane Irene hit the eastern part of the state and caused flooding and power outages, the Food Bank was ready to respond. After preliminary assessments, the Food Bank immediately responded on Sunday, August 28 with a truck filled with 7,000 pounds of disaster relief product to Project Anna, a food pantry at 340 Briley Road in Greenville, NC where there was an immediate request for canned food and water due to the widespread power outages. The delivery included items such as beverages, water, canned food, toilet paper and paper towels. The Food Bank is preparing to send supplies to more partner agencies in Pitt and Craven Counties over the next few days.

In times of a natural disaster, community donations also help to supplement the Food Bank's supply. Food and monetary donations can be made by going to a Food Bank branch in your community or donate online at www.foodbankcenc.org.

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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Food or monetary donations will be accepted at 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 by donating funds to assist in counties affected by Hurricane Irene, 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 2010-2011, 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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