



August 30, 2011

FOOD BANK CONTINUES RESPONSE IN EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

Delivers non-perishable food, water to longtime partner agency RCS and others

RALEIGH –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. Governor Bev Perdue (D-NC) has declared 19 of the Food Bank’s 34 counties as disaster areas (Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Craven, Duplin, Edgecombe, Halifax, Greene, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, New Hanover, Nash, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Pitt, Wayne, Wilson). 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 in Greenville, NC where there was an immediate request for canned food and water due to the widespread power outages in Pitt County. Power outages and flooding has not kept the organization from responding to the great need of those affected by Hurricane Irene.

The Food Bank made early preparations well before Hurricane Irene even made landfall by taking inventory of disaster relief products and acquiring donated offsite warehouse space which was fortunate since the Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC at New Bern on Glenburnie Road was without power until late yesterday. The warehouse has reopened for shopping by its partner agencies and will have extended hours of operation of 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday this week to be available for additional shopping appointments if needed and for the community to drop off food drive donations. As the Food Bank partner agencies in the east continue to assess their ability to distribute, the Food Bank continues preparations to send supplies as it works as a first responder.

Disaster relief efforts by the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina in eastern North Carolina to date include:

- **Craven County**
- Delivered 8 pallets of beverages, snack, canned food items to Living Bread Outreach on Monday, August 29.

- **Delivery to Religious Community Services (RCS), Tuesday, August 30 at 2:00 p.m.**
 - **RCS is one of the Food Bank's longtime partner agencies. Since 1982, the Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC has distributed more than 2 million pounds to eastern North Carolina through this agency.**

- **Pitt County**
 - Delivery to Project Anna, Inc. Sunday, August 28.
 - Delivery 7 pallets of beverages, snacks, canned foods to Churches Outreach Network on Monday, August 29.
 - Delivery to Anointed Ones on Tuesday, August 30.

- **Jones County**
 - Delivery 8 pallets of beverages, snacks, canned food items to Salvation Army Maysville Office, Monday, August 29.
 - They were able to serve over 400 hot meals to people in Maysville and Trenton.

- **Onslow County**
 - Delivery to Salvation Army Jacksonville Tuesday, August 30.

- **Pamlico County**
 - Delivery to Pamlico County Fishes & Loaves scheduled for Wednesday.

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 (see list below) 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)

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, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at New Bern
205 South Glenburnie Road
New, Bern NC 28560
252-514-2006

Business Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
(Disaster Relief hours 8/30-9/2)

Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Sandhills
195 Sandy Avenue
Southern Pines, NC 28387
910-692-5959

Business Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Wilmington
1314 Marstellar 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.

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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