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## ***Chef's Academy North Carolina Grand Opening to Benefit local Food Bank***

*Goal to collect food and funds to provide 100,000 meals*

**RALEIGH** – The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina is the honored beneficiary of the events associated with the Grand Opening of the Chef's Academy North Carolina in Morrisville, NC on Thursday, September 29, 2011. The Chef's Academy North Carolina will host a Celebrity Triangle Chef Showdown and a silent auction to raise food and funds to support the state's largest and oldest Food Bank as it prepares for fall and holiday distributions. Celebrity Chefs are: Chef Walter Royal, The Angus Barn, Raleigh; Chef Michael Choung, An New World Cuisine, Cary, NC; Chef Scott Crawford, The Umstead (Herons Restaurant), Cary, NC and Chef Khoury Solomon, The Irregardless Café, Raleigh, NC. Silent auction items to include: Cooking Classes at the Chef's Academy; Dinner and Wine at The Chef's Academy and an Indy Racing Flag signed by 18 Indy drivers.

Timeline for the evening's festivities:

**5:30 p.m.**

Doors Open  
Live Music and refreshments  
Triangle Chef Showdown begins in Kitchen A  
Silent Auction opens

**6:30 p.m.**

Triangle Chef Showdown ends  
Tasting and voting begins

**7:30 p.m.**

Voting ends  
Silent Auction closes

**7:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Awards Presented  
Silent Auction Winners Announced  
Number of Meals Raised Announced

For more information about the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina, go to [www.foodbankcenc.org](http://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 42.75 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](http://www.foodbankcenc.org).

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