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Sandhills Food Bank Announces New Council

Ready to Fight Hunger in Central North Carolina

SOUTHERN PINES -The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Sandhills announced today the appointment of nine members to its new Regional Council. The Sandhills Food Bank is a branch of the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina in Raleigh. The role of the Council is to primarily generate and develop funding and other resources within the Council itself and the community at large for the mission of the Food Bank to provide food for those who are at risk of hunger. The Sandhills branch serves Lee, Moore, Richmond, and Scotland counties and is located at 195 Sandy Avenue in Southern Pines.

“We are excited to welcome these accomplished council members, who offer a wide range of expertise,” said Food Bank President and CEO Peter Werbicki. “We look forward to their guidance as our organization continues to grow and welcome their advocacy and outreach in central North Carolina on behalf of the Sandhills Branch.”

Robert Hanson has been selected as the Sandhills Regional Council Chair. Hanson is a local business man and the owner of Dormie Golf Club. He has been the Chair of several civic organizations in North Carolina and out of state.

“I’m looking forward to working with this group of talented and dedicated individuals to uphold the mission of the Food Bank,” said Hanson. “No one in Sandhills Branch service area should be going hungry.”

Charlie Carlton is a past President of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club. Carlton is also the Director of Snak Pack Pals, a program that provides food to seniors on the weekends. Mr. Carlton is also the Board Chair of the Department of Aging and a retired Army Colonel. He also serves on a state committee for Military affairs.

Trish Baldwin is a member of the Mothers of Moore County, and the Wives of Warriors. She also holds a degree in Fine Arts and Advertising & Design.

George Norman is a local businessman (Moore Value Coupon and National Director of Visalus Distributors). Mr. Norman is also a member of the Lions Club and a long term resident of Moore County.

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Johnny Burns is a Bank Executive at First Bank in Southern Pines. Mr. Burns also serves as a member of Kiwanis.

Janet Castrovinci is an Event Planner and Organizer. Mrs. Castrovinci served as a volunteer and assistant for the Sandhills 30th Anniversary Event in 2011. She is also Past PTA President and has traveled abroad extensively.

Donna Traylor was born and raised in Moore County. She is a Board Member of the Sunrise Theater and volunteers with the Boys and Girls Club in Southern Pines. Her past employment experience includes advertising and sales for *The Pilot* newspaper and marketing for Bell Meade.

Agnes Evans is a Moore County Resident and a Family and Consumer Science Agent Moore County Agriculture Extension. She is a Registered Dietician; and a member of the West Southern Pines Citizens for Change and the Black Catholics Association.

For more information about the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Sandhills, go to Sandhills.FoodBankCENC.org or call 910-692-5959.

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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 more than 30 years. The Food Bank serves a network of more than 900 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 2011-2012, the Food Bank distributed nearly 45 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 560,000 struggle each day to provide enough food for their families. www.foodbankcenc.org.

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