



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### GREENVILLE FOOD BANK ON THE MOVE TO NEW LOCATION

**Greenville, N.C. (September 30, 2013)** - The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Greenville will be relocating from 497 West 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Greenville, N.C. to 1712 Union Street, Greenville, N.C. in October after 14 years near downtown. There will be no interruption in services for the 150 partner agencies such as rescue missions, food pantries, soup kitchens that are served by the Food Bank's Greenville Branch. The new location is about 7 miles from the West 9<sup>th</sup> Street location. Food Lion is donating 17'x 23' insulated cooler panels (walls, ceiling and doors) for the cool room storage on Union Street. The donation, along with other aspects of the new site, will allow for increased operational capacity at the Greenville Branch. In fiscal year 2012-2013, the Greenville Branch distributed more than 8.8 million pounds of food to partner agencies, including more than 3 million pounds of produce.

The Greenville Branch is also experiencing transition in leadership of the volunteer Council. Neil Zingler has been tapped as the new Greenville Branch Regional Council Chair. As Chair, Zingler will lead the Greenville Regional Council in generating and developing resources within the Council and the community at large to support the mission of the Food Bank and provide food for those at risk of hunger. Zingler is the Market Manager for Grainger Industrial Supply in Greenville, N.C., a leading broad line supplier of facilities maintenance products that helps local businesses and institutions maintain, repair, and operate their facilities. After graduating from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington in 1995, Neil began his career with Grainger and has held various positions in sales and operations in North Carolina and Virginia. Neil is also a proud military veteran having served 8 years in the United States Army Reserves. Grainger has been a donor to the Food Bank for several years. In June, Zingler and fellow branch managers in Fayetteville, Raleigh, and Wilmington came together to make a \$40,000 donation to support the Food Bank's Stop Summer Hunger campaign.

"The Food Bank plays an important role in the Greenville community and this move will allow the staff and council to better fulfill our mission: No One Goes Hungry in Central and Eastern North Carolina," said Zingler.

In 1999, much of eastern North Carolina was devastated by Hurricane Floyd. The Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC distributed more than 5 million pounds of food and non-food essentials to those affected by Hurricane Floyd.

Fifteen of the 34 counties served by the Food Bank were devastated by Hurricane Floyd. During Hurricane Floyd, the Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC main warehouse in Raleigh was open 24 hours a day for the first three months after the storm. For five months the Food Bank

responded to the need in eastern North Carolina providing a total of 5.3 million pounds of food to those affected by the hurricane.

The opening of our warehouse in Greenville in 1999 at 497 West Ninth Street was expedited due to this storm.

Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina partner agencies in eastern North Carolina travelled to the main warehouse in Raleigh prior to opening a warehouse in Greenville to better serve the east.

The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Greenville serves Carteret, Craven, Greene, Jones, Lenoir, Onslow, Pamlico and Pitt counties. Two counties served are shared with the Raleigh Branch: Edgecombe and Wilson counties.

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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 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 2012-2013, the Food Bank distributed nearly 52 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](http://www.foodbankcenc.org).

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