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## Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC Announces FINAL Total For Food Lion Hunger Relief Day Donations

RALEIGH, NC - On Thursday, October 18, fairgoers from across the state donated to Food Lion Hunger Relief Day. During Food Lion Hunger Relief Day, 4 cans of Food Lion Brand Food were donated in exchange for free admission to the N.C. State Fair. Food Lion Hunger Relief Day at the NC State Fair benefits the Food Bank of Central & Eastern N C and sister food banks around the state. After completing final sweeps of the gates at the NC State Fair on Monday, October 22 the Food Bank announced the final total for 2012 Hunger Relief Day is 214,038 pounds which equals 180,242 meals.

This is the ninth year that Food Lion has sponsored Hunger Relief Day. Food Lion Hunger Relief Day at the Fair is one of the largest one-day canned-food drives in the state.

Last year, more than 237,000 pounds were collected on Food Lion Hunger Relief Day. In 2010, more than 247,000 pounds were collected which is the largest amount raised in the history of the event.

## 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 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. <a href="https://www.foodbankcenc.org">www.foodbankcenc.org</a>. Twitter: @FoodBankCENC

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