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### **Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina, GlaxoSmithKline Provide More Than 33,000 Meals, Toys to Families**

**RALEIGH, NC** – Today more than 200 GlaxoSmithKline employees sorted and bagged 40,000 pounds of sweet potatoes, collected toys and donated nearly 1,500 pounds of food in effort to support children and families during the holiday season. The project took place onsite at GlaxoSmithKline in Research Triangle Park. More than 560,000 individuals in the counties served by the Food Bank are at risk of hunger with nearly fifty percent (50%) being children and seniors. The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina and GlaxoSmithKline worked together to provide food to those at risk of hunger in central and eastern North Carolina.

The Food Bank partnered with GlaxoSmithKline to transform the lower level parking garage at 5 Moore Drive in Research Triangle Park into an offsite “warehouse” complete with semis, pallet jacks and 44 bins of sweet potatoes.

“We are grateful for the support of GlaxoSmithKline as we enter the holiday season and work to provide food for families in need,” said Peter Werbicki, President/CEO, Food Bank Central & Eastern NC. “This is the first time that the Food Bank brought such a large volunteer project directly to a corporate partner and we are proud to allow their employees the ease and convenience to contribute and continue with a productive work day.”

“We are once again pleased to join hands with the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina to help provide nutritious food to those at risk of hunger,” said Judith Millard, PhD, VP, Research & Development, GlaxoSmithKline. “This unique opportunity to collaborate here – on GSK’s RTP campus – is something our employees are looking forward to. Let the sweet potato “sort-a-rama” begin!”

#### **PHOTO:**

- Employees of GlaxoSmithKline sorting and bagging 40,000 pounds of sweet potatoes into family-sized bags
- Bins of sorted sweet potatoes waiting to be loaded on the Food Bank truck

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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 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](http://www.foodbankcenc.org).

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