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Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina Gears Up for Pre-Thanksgiving TEFAP Distribution in Halifax County

RALEIGH, NC - The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina, one of seven Feeding America member food banks in North Carolina, will distribute The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) government commodities in Weldon from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, November 19. The distribution will be held at Evangelistic Church of Deliverance, located at 195 Sycamore Street in Weldon. The Food Bank will hand out 300 boxes of food during the distribution. The distribution is only for Halifax County residents since the TEFAP commodities are allocated to that county.

TEFAP is the Federal commodities program that helps to provide food assistance to low-income households. In North Carolina, individuals and families whose incomes are at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Guideline qualify to receive TEFAP commodities. For example, a family of four that earns \$46,104 or less each year qualifies to receive TEFAP commodities. Any household that receives Food and Nutrition Services (i.e. FNS, formerly known as Food Stamps) benefits automatically qualifies to receive TEFAP commodities. Families do not have to prove their household incomes or FNS participation to receive commodities. Families self-declare their eligibility for the program.

Commodities will be available on November 19 on a first-come, first-serve basis. Individuals picking up for a homebound family or individual must bring a signed note giving permission to pick up commodities along with a self-declaration of the homebound person or family's weekly, monthly or yearly gross income. The Food Bank is partnering with the host church, and local volunteers.

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For more information about the distribution, please call 919-875-0707 extension 2017.

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina and its partner agencies are prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

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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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