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Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina Gears Up for TEFAP Distribution in Person 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 Roxboro from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, December 19. The distribution will be held in the parking lot beside Christian Help Center, located at 122 Depot Street in Roxboro. The Food Bank will hand out roughly 400 boxes of food during the distribution.

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 \$47,112, 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 December 19 on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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

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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.

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