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200,000 Meals Still Needed to Feed Kids This Summer

RALEIGH, NC (July 28, 2015) – The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina’s Stop Summer Hunger campaign will come to a close this Friday, July 31 and 200,000 meals are still needed to meet our goal of providing 3.2 million meals to children and their families this summer.

With generous support from our Stop Summer Hunger partners, all contributions made from July 29-July 31 will be matched up to \$20,000. This means contributions double, so \$1 will provide 10 meals during the last three days of the campaign.

The Stop Summer Hunger campaign focuses on raising food, funds, and awareness at a time when school cafeterias are closed to 300,000 children across the Food Bank’s 34-county service area that rely on the free and reduced-cost meal program. Even if our tremendous goal is reached, the problem of hunger is not solved for children and their families. The need continues in the communities we serve year-round. But the Stop Summer Hunger campaign makes a significant impact and donations make a difference during the summer season.

In the Food Bank’s 34-county service area there are 651,000 individuals living in food insecure households, 33% of which are children. Food insecurity is the state of being unable to consistently access nutritious and adequate amounts of food necessary for an active and healthy life. The households served by the Food Bank experience limited or uncertain access to food, at times unsure of where they will find their next meal.

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 distribution centers in Durham, Greenville, New Bern, Raleigh, the Sandhills (Southern Pines), and Wilmington. In fiscal year 2013-2014, the Food Bank distributed more than 53 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 651,000 people struggle to access nutritious and adequate amounts of food necessary for an active and healthy life. www.foodbankcenc.org

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