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CHEF'S FEAST EVENT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR WILMINGTON FOOD BANK Featuring special guests Chef Vivian Howard and Chef Keith Rhodes

WILMINGTON, NC (October 26, 2015) – The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Wilmington will host the inaugural Chef's Feast event on Monday, November 16, 2015 at the Terraces at Sir Tyler. The event will raise funds to provide meals for the nearly 75,000 people living with food insecurity in the Wilmington area. Chef's Feast will showcase a decadent array of local, signature dishes.

This first annual food tasting event is a collaboration of the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Wilmington and several of the area's most celebrated chefs. In attendance will be special guest Chef Vivian Howard, owner of Kinston-based Chef & the Farmer, James Beard semi-finalist, and host of PBS cooking series "A Chef's Life." Vivian Howard is brought to you by AARP-NC. Also serving as this year's Chef's Feast Ambassador will be Catch restaurant owner Chef Keith Rhodes, voted best chef in the city three years in a row and a James Beard semi-finalist. Beyond the array of food, guests can indulge in an open bar with a signature cocktail, peruse a silent auction filled with food-themed items, enjoy the ample outdoor terraces with live music and meet Wilmington's own renowned chefs as they serve up their signature dishes.

Ticket price is \$80 for a single ticket and \$150 per couple. Special thanks to presenting sponsors Harris Teeter, AARP and media partners WILMA and the Greater Wilmington Business Journal. Proceeds benefit the nearly 75,000 people living with food insecurity in the Wilmington Branch service area. Table sponsorships are also available by contacting Beth Gaglione, Wilmington Branch Director, at 910.251.1465 ext. 2205 or at

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Attachments: Chef Vivian Howard.jpg, Chef Keith Rhodes.jpg

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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 2014-2015, the Food Bank distributed more than 57 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, nearly 650,000 people struggle to access nutritious and adequate amounts of food necessary for an active and healthy life. www.foodbankcenc.org.

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