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Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina Gears Up for 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 Roanoke Rapids from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, November 25. The distribution will be held at New Hope Apostolic Church located at 40 Luke Street. The Food Bank will distribute more than 350 boxes of food during this event.

TEFAP is the Federal commodities program that helps to provide food assistance to low-income households. In North Carolina, the maximum income level that a family can earn and still qualify to receive commodities is just under 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Guideline. 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 November 25 on a first-come, first-serve basis. The Food Bank is partnering with the host church, pastor Florine Bell, and local volunteers.

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