



MEDIA ADVISORY

LIVE OAK BANK VOLUNTEERS TO HELP STOP SUMMER HUNGER

July 8, 2014 (Wilmington, NC) - Live Oak Bank recently issued a challenge to the Wilmington community – raise \$25,000 for the Stop Summer Hunger Campaign and Live Oak Bank will match that donation to the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina. Thanks to the support of the community, almost half the funds needed for the match have been donated!

The Stop Summer Hunger Campaign kicked off June 1 and ends July 31 – there is still time to help provide an additional 250,000 meals to children and their families this summer.

And on Wednesday, July 9, Live Oak Bank will be doing even more to support kids this summer! Live Oak Bank employees will volunteer at Wilmington Residential Adolescent Achievement Place (W.R.A.A.P.), a long time Food Bank partner that hosts a Kids Summer Meals site. Kids Summer Meals is a program sponsored by the Food Bank that offers children a place to receive not only breakfast and lunch, but enrichment and physical activities as well. The Live Oak Bank volunteers will be serving lunch to the children participating in the program.

In fiscal year 2013-2014, the Wilmington Branch distributed the equivalent of 5.5 million meals to those struggling with hunger in Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover, and Pender Counties.

WHO: Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC at Wilmington/W.R.A.A.P.

WHAT: Live Oak Bank employees serve lunch at Kids Summer Meals site

WHERE: Freedom's Way Ministries, 1952 Dawson Street, Wilmington

WHEN: Wednesday, July 9, 2014, 10:45 a.m.

WHY: Since 1980, the Food Bank has been providing food assistance to families in 34 counties of central and eastern NC. In the four counties served by the Food Bank at Wilmington, nearly 68,000 individuals are at risk of hunger. For every dollar donated the Food Bank is able to distribute \$10 worth of food or 5 meals.

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The main office of the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina is located at 3808 Tarheel Drive in Raleigh. The Wilmington Branch is located at 1314 Marstellar Street in Wilmington. Additional warehouses are located in Durham, Greenville, Southern Pines, and New Bern.

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About Live Oak Bank

Live Oak Bank was founded in 2008 to provide small business loans to professionals across the country looking to start or expand their business. Aside from acquisitions and refinancing, Live Oak's lenders specialize in real estate loans and ground up construction projects. The bank originally began lending to veterinarians, and has since expanded not only into other healthcare-related industries, but into specialty areas as well. Having such a keen industry focus and trade specialists on board, enables the bank to offer an exceptional level of service to the client. To learn more about Live Oak Bank, please visit liveoakbank.com.

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. Twitter: @FoodBankCENC

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