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KITCHENS OF NEW BERN TOUR PROVIDES 80,000 MEALS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

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NEW BERN, N.C. (September 2014) – The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina announced today the results of the second annual Kitchens of New Bern Tour. On Saturday, September 27, 2014, homeowners opened their kitchens to allow attendees to tour the “heart of the home” in Historic New Bern residences as well as Tryon Palace’s Kitchen Office and Garden to support the Food Bank’s New Bern Branch. This unique one day fundraiser collected enough funds through sponsorships and ticket sales to provide more than 80,000 meals to children and families in the New Bern Branch five-county service area. Nearly 500 “kitchen tourists” attended the event.

Last year’s event provided 68,000 meals to families in the New Bern area.

Many thanks to presenting sponsor Carolina East Health System and media partners WNCT 9 On Your Side, and V103.3 for helping to make this event possible.

Since 1980, the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina has been providing food assistance to those in need in 34 counties. In the five counties served by the Food Bank branch at New Bern, nearly 63,000 individuals live in food insecure households and struggle to access nutritious and adequate amounts of food necessary for an active and healthy life. For every dollar donated the Food Bank is able to distribute \$10 worth of food or 5 meals.

The main office of the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina is located at 3808 Tarheel Drive in Raleigh. The New Bern Branch is located at 205 South Glenburnie Road in New Bern. Additional warehouses are located in Durham, Greenville, Southern Pines, and Wilmington.

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 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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