



METLIFE GRANTS FUNDS TO THE FOOD BANK OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA TOTALING \$20,000

Gift Brings Additional Support to Food Bank's Programs

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Raleigh, NC (January 30, 2015) —The Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina today announced a \$20,000 grant from the MetLife Foundation to provide meals for families living with food insecurity. A check presentation was held at the Food Bank's main branch in Raleigh. **[Photo attached]**

MetLife Foundation recognizes the important role that food banks play in building and sustaining healthy communities. Since 2008, the Foundation has been pleased to provide unrestricted support to food banks serving locations with significant MetLife presence to address growing needs.

"We are grateful that the MetLife Foundation has funded our efforts to provide nutritious meals to children and families in Triangle and expand their resources," said Peter Werbicki, President/CEO, Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina. "MetLife is a terrific partner for our organization."

Photo caption (L to R): Geoff Lang, MetLife Vice President and General Manager of Global Technology and Operation, Cary Campus; Bridget McMinn, Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC, Manager of Corporate & Foundation Relations; Michael Simmons, MetLife

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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