



## MORGAN STANLEY GRANTS ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO THE FOOD BANK OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA WITH AWARDS NOW TOTALING \$50,000

*Gift Brings Additional Support to Food Bank's Programs*

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**Raleigh, NC** —August 2014— The Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina today announced a \$25,000 grant from Morgan Stanley to expand its child hunger initiatives. This grant is the second gift The Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina has received from Morgan Stanley bringing the total to \$50,000. A check presentation was held in August. **[Photo attached]**

The award is part of the latest phase of *Fill the Plate*, Morgan Stanley's long-standing initiative with Feeding America, the nation's leading hunger-relief charity. In total, Morgan Stanley has committed more than \$14 million for Feeding America's network of 200 local food banks to distribute millions of meals to children and families across all 50 states. As part of that initiative, Morgan Stanley is providing more than \$4 million over three years to local food banks like The Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina to launch, expand and sustain critical childhood feeding programs.

"We are grateful that Morgan Stanley has stepped forward another time to fund our efforts to deliver nutritious meals to children and families in Triangle and expand their resources," said Peter Werbicki, President/CEO, Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina. "Morgan Stanley is a terrific partner for our organization. We are grateful for this grant and for the Morgan Stanley volunteers who, so far, have shown their support by spending more than 400 hours volunteering with us."

David Pottenger, Morgan Stanley Senior Vice President, states that the company's decision to emphasize hunger-impactful programs is one that resonates with their employees. The company will start a financial literacy program to not only help with those in crisis, but to aid many in avoiding crisis in the first place.

"We are honored to be able to help The Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina another time in its important fight against child hunger," said Pottenger. "Giving back to the communities where we live and work is one of Morgan Stanley's core values."

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Nationwide, child hunger is a critical problem. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, nearly 16 million children in the U.S. lack consistent access to the minimum amounts of nutritious food considered necessary for a healthy life. Feeding America's most recent [Map the Meal Gap](#) research indicates more than one in five children in 37 states and Washington D.C. do not have access to enough nutritious food to learn, grow and thrive.

**Photo caption:** David Pottenger, Morgan Stanley Senior Vice President (third row, far left) and team present check to Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina team: Ashley Delamar, Vice President of Development, second row, far left; Earline Middleton, Vice President of Agency Services, front row, far left and Brad Blackwell, Food & Nutrition Services Program Supervisor, third row, far right.

**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 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 nearly 54 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](http://www.foodbankcenc.org).

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