

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Ashley Helms, Walmart
(804) 771-5303

Christy Simmons, Food Bank CENC
(919) 906-4798 (mobile)

Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina Receives Donation from Walmart Foundation for purchase 53 foot trailer; expand FNS Program

Donation to support Retail Recovery Program

RALEIGH, NC (January 26, 2015) – The Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina today announced a \$25,000 grant through the Walmart Foundation’s State Giving Program for the purchase of a 53-foot trailer. The trailer will support the Food Bank’s Retail Recovery Program. Walmart’s Henderson Distribution Center (DC) has donated more than 4.1 million pounds of food - equivalent to two tractor trailer loads per week- for 52 weeks. The new trailer will increase the Food Bank’s efficiency to pick up 25 extra loads of donated Walmart food -providing an additional one million pounds of food for families in our community. **[PHOTOS ATTACHED]**

The 53-foot dual temperature trailer will be parked at the Walmart Distribution Center in Henderson, NC, to allow Walmart employees to load it with donated food product to be picked up by the Food Bank.

The Retail Recovery Program allows the Food Bank trucks to pick up donations such as prepackaged meats, frozen foods, fresh produce, and deli/bakery items at retail sites such as Walmart each week and deliver them to the Food Bank’s six branches in Durham, Greenville, New Bern, Raleigh, Southern Pines and Wilmington to be sorted, inventoried and distributed to more than 800 partner agencies.

In the Food Bank's 34-county service area, more than 651,000 people are food insecure with half being children and seniors.

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.

-more-

About Philanthropy at Walmart

Walmart and the Walmart Foundation are committed to helping people live better through philanthropic efforts. By operating globally and giving back locally, Walmart is uniquely positioned to address the needs of the communities it serves and make a significant social impact within its core areas of giving: Hunger Relief & Healthy Eating, Sustainability, Career Opportunity and Women's Economic Empowerment. Walmart and the Walmart Foundation are leading the fight against hunger in the United States with a \$2 billion commitment through 2015. We have donated more than 1 billion meals to those in need across the country. To learn more about Walmart's giving, visit www.foundation.walmart.com.



