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**DURHAM, RALEIGH LETTER CARRIERS TEAM UP FOR 2011 "STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE"**  
*Joint Press Conference Held; Challenge Issued*

**RALEIGH, NC** - On Wednesday, May 3, 2011, Letter Carriers from Raleigh and Durham held a joint press conference in Durham to remind the public of the upcoming STAMP OUT HUNGER Food Drive. **[photos attached]** The Letter Carriers issued a challenge to see which city, Raleigh or Durham, will have the greatest percentage increase over last year. In 2010, more than 300,000 pounds of non-perishable food items were collected along postal routes in the Food Bank's 34 counties. Letter Carriers in Raleigh and Durham collected nearly 243,000 pounds of the 300,000. Letter Carriers will deliver postcards and bags to remind the public of the upcoming Saturday, May 14, food drive. Food donations will benefit the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina.

On Saturday May 14, Letter Carriers in the Triangle and across the country will perform double duty on their routes – deliver the mail and collect food items during the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual STAMP OUT HUNGER Food Drive. The public is asked to simply place bags filled with nonperishable food next to their mailbox and a letter carrier will do the rest!

Go to [www.foodbankcenc.org](http://www.foodbankcenc.org) for more information.

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Eddie Davidson, National Association of Letter Carriers State President speaks to audience at Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Press Conference at Shannon Plaza Post Office in Durham on Wednesday, May 3, 2011.

Letter Carriers from Raleigh and Durham held a joint Press Conference in Durham at the Shannon Plaza Post Office to kickoff their 2011 STAMP OUT HUNGER Food Drive.

**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 2009-2010, the Food Bank distributed more than 41.5 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 500,000 struggle each day to provide enough food for their families. [www.foodbankcenc.org](http://www.foodbankcenc.org).

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