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LETTER CARRIERS PERFORMED DOUBLE DUTY DURING "STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE"

Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC Releases Preliminary Total for 34-county service area

RALEIGH, NC - On Saturday May 10, Letter Carriers across the country, performed double duty on their routes – delivered the mail and collected food items during the **22nd Annual STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE**. The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina is one of the beneficiaries of the annual food drive. Preliminary Stamp Out Hunger totals for the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina's (FBCENC) 34-county service area are **270,831 pounds**. Sweeps of postal branches will take place starting Monday, May 12, with a final total to be released by Friday, May 16.

Preliminary totals by FBCENC branch:

	Final 2013	Prelim 2014
FBCENC (Raleigh)	240,415	128,217
FBCENC at Durham	93,132	45,512
FBCENC at Wilmington	212,109	76,608
FBCENC at Greenville	24,376	12,514
FBCENC at Sandhills	55,841	7,980
Total pounds in 34 counties	625,873	270,831

The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina has more than 560,000 individuals in their 34-county service area who struggle to put and keep meals on the table. The Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive comes at a critical time when holiday food drive donations are long gone. The Food Bank is also preparing for the increase partners, such as food pantries, see when thousands of children who are on the free and reduced-cost meal program will no longer have access to the school cafeteria during summer break.

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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 2012-2013, the Food Bank distributed nearly 52 million pounds of food (43 million meals) 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.

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