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BB&T Employees Light Up Food Bank CENC

Lighthouse Project shines bright for families in central & eastern North Carolina

RALEIGH, N.C. (May 25, 2012) – On Thursday, May 17, BB&T employees volunteered at the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina's Raleigh warehouse as part of their "Lighthouse Project". The purpose of the "Lighthouse Project" is for BB&T to enhance the quality of life for residents throughout our communities. The volunteers participated in two projects:

- **Painted Agency Services Area:** Painted the office in the area designated as the entry point for partner agencies, and additional chairs were added.
- **Food Sorting:** Purchased bins for the purpose of transporting produce throughout the Food Bank's service area. Sorted and prepared produce for distribution throughout the Food Bank's service area.

"We are grateful to the BB&T volunteers for making it possible to distribute more fresh produce throughout our service area," said Peter Werbicki, President & CEO of the Food Bank. "It's great to have a more comfortable reception area for our partner agencies as well."

BB&T designated \$3,000 to help with this project. The funds were used to purchase additional chairs, which help make the partner agency reception area more welcoming. In addition, they funded the purchase of produce bins to aid in the distribution of produce throughout the Food Bank's 34-county network.

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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 2010-2011, the Food Bank distributed more than 42.75 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. Twitter: @FoodBankCENC

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