

# **NEWS RELEASE**



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# Greenville Letter Carriers Call on Community to Support 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Tomorrow

**GREENVILLE - On Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>**, Letter Carriers in Greenville, and across the country, will perform double duty on their routes – delivering the mail and collecting food items during **the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE.** Food donations in Greenville will benefit the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Greenville, located at 1712 Union Street. In 2015, more than 10,000 pounds of food (equivalent to 8,600 meals) were collected in Greenville during Stamp Out Hunger.

On Stamp Out Hunger Day, the public is asked to simply place bags filled with nonperishable food items next to their mailbox. This year bags are donated by Publix. A Letter Carrier will collect the donation and take it back to their postal branch where Food Bank volunteers will be on site throughout the day to unload the postal trucks.

#### **MOST NEEDED ITEMS LIST INCLUDES:**

- Canned Meals: Stews, Soups, Tuna, Ravioli, etc. (Pop-top cans a plus!)
- Peanut Butter
- Cereal
- Canned Fruits and Vegetables
- Rice, Pasta and Dried Beans
- Hygiene Items: Toothpaste, Shaving Items, Soap, etc.
- Paper Products: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, etc.
- Infant Products: Diapers, Wipes, Formula, Infant Cereal

#### NO GLASS, PLEASE!

In the ten counties served by the Food Bank's Greenville branch (Carteret, Craven, Edgecombe, Greene, Jones, Lenoir, Onslow, Pamlico, Pitt and Wilson), 149,090 individuals 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 and children who depend on free and reduced breakfast/lunch programs at school will lose access to those meals during summer break. Go to <a href="https://www.foodbankcenc.org">www.foodbankcenc.org</a> for more information.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- Stamp Out Hunger Logo
- Greenville Letter Carriers with Donations.jpg

## 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 warehouses in Durham, Greenville, New Bern, Raleigh, the Sandhills (Southern Pines), and Wilmington. In fiscal year 2014-2015, the Food Bank distributed more than 57 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, nearly 650,000 people struggle to access nutritious and adequate amounts of food necessary for an active and healthy life. www.foodbankcenc.org.

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