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LETTER CARRIERS TO PERFORM DOUBLE DUTY ON SATURDAY DURING "STAMP OUT HUNGER" FOOD DRIVE

WILMINGTON - On Saturday May 9th, Letter Carriers in Wilmington, and across the country, will perform double duty on their routes – deliver the mail and collect food items during the **23rd** Annual **STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE**. Food donations in Wilmington will benefit the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Wilmington, located at 1314 Marstellar Street. In 2014, more than 116,000 pounds of food (equivalent to over 98,000 meals) were collected in Wilmington 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 four counties served by the Food Bank's Wilmington branch (Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover, and Pender counties), 73,790 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 www.foodbankcenc.org for more information.

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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 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.

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