

# **NEWS RELEASE**

# Food Bank Seeking Restaurant and Catering Vendors to Support Programs

Local restaurant and catering operators can attend meeting to learn how to take part in federal nutrition programs

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**Raleigh, NC** – The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina is looking to connect with restaurants and caterers to operate its Kids Summer Meals and Child and Adult Care Food Programs (CACFP). These federal nutrition programs are reimbursable and operate throughout the year supporting families and children in our communities by offering nutritious foods.

The Food Bank is looking to support their programs in Moore, Nash, Edgecombe, Wake, Wayne and Johnston counties.

There will be an informational vendor meeting for restaurants and caterers on Thursday, December 10 from 2:00-3:00 PM, held at the Raleigh Branch of the Food Bank: 1924 Capital Blvd., Raleigh, NC. If your restaurant or business is looking for more information, please contact Mercedes Sanders at msanders@foodbankcenc.org.

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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 35 years. The Food Bank serves a network of more than 900 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 2018-2019, the Food Bank distributed over 80 million pounds of food (over half of which was perishable) and non-food essentials through these agencies. Sadly, hunger remains a serious problem in central and eastern North Carolina. In these counties, nearly 600,000 people struggle to access nutritious and adequate amounts of food necessary for an active and healthy life. foodbankcenc.org.

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