

## **NEWS RELEASE**

## Food Bank Serving More People in Eastern North Carolina Thanks to Local Foundation Partnerships

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**GREENVILLE/NEW BERN, NC** – The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina (the Food Bank) today announced its thanks for the generous support of corporate and foundation donors across the 10-county service area of the Greenville and New Bern Branches during the 2019 calendar year.

Craven County Community Foundation's support, through the Harry and Virginia Killian Charitable Endowment, a component fund of the North Carolina Community Foundation, bolsters the Food Bank's work at the New Bern Branch and in Craven County through funds that allow for stronger nutrition programs, increase amounts of fresh foods being distributed, and provide resources to ensure rural communities are being reached.

A new gift from Louise Oriole Burevitch Endowment, a component fund of the North Carolina Community Foundation, is providing critical support for our core mission work of nourishing families in need with healthy meals, education, and outreach activities throughout the Food Bank's eastern North Carolina service area.

Vital support from the Harold H. Bate Foundation is enabling the Food Bank to nourish families, children and seniors in Craven, Jones and Pamlico counties.

International Paper Foundation is giving back to the children in the New Bern community and beyond. Their support allows the Food Bank to provide the essential food to children needed for them to thrive.

"The support from these foundations will allow the Food Bank to feed more people in eastern North Carolina," said George Young, Eastern Regional Branch Director for the Food Bank. "We are extremely grateful for these partners that help us nourish more people and build solutions to help end hunger."

For more information, please visit foodbank.com/give.

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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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