



NEWS RELEASE

Food Bank receives \$60,000 from the Duke Energy Foundation to address hunger relief during COVID-19 crisis

Raleigh, N.C. – Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina has received \$60,000 from the Duke Energy Foundation to address food relief in 34 counties in central and eastern North Carolina during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The grant will fund hunger relief for K-12 students and their families by providing food boxes and other food distributed to families in need and impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Duke Energy Foundation recently pledged \$250,000 to Feeding the Carolinas, the network of foodbanks, including the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina, that serve and address hunger in all 100 counties across North Carolina.

“We recognize the critical needs in our communities right now – and community groups like the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina are on the frontlines responding to the COVID-19 crisis, helping those who need it most, said Stephen De May, Duke Energy North Carolina president. “We are grateful for the work they are doing to feed communities in need.”

“We’re incredibly thankful for the dedication of Duke Energy to our COVID-19 relief efforts,” said President & CEO of the Food Bank, Peter Werbicki. “These funds help us stay nimble and responsive to the needs of the most vulnerable people we serve.”

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About Feeding the Carolinas

Feeding the Carolinas is a strategic alliance of the food banks in North and South Carolina who also belong to Feeding America, the nation’s largest hunger-relief charity. Feeding the Carolinas is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable nonprofit organization.

Feeding the Carolinas is North and South Carolina's only statewide hunger relief organization that continuously services all 146 counties. Our community-supported member food banks are private, non-governmental organizations, located in every corner of both states. www.feedingthecarolinas.org

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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About Duke Energy Foundation

The Duke Energy Foundation provides philanthropic support to meet the needs of communities where Duke Energy customers live and work. The foundation contributes more than \$30 million annually in charitable gifts, and is funded by Duke Energy shareholder dollars. More information about the foundation and its Powerful Communities program can be found at duke-energy.com/foundation.

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