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Partners Support the Food Bank's Work to Reach Vulnerable Populations in the Wilmington Area

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WILMINGTON, 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 4-county service area of the Wilmington Branch during the 2019 calendar year.

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.

International Paper not only provided funds to help nourish children in the Wilmington area, but they also donated 10,000 corrugated boxes used to pack emergency food boxes for those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Long-time partner Corning, Inc. has consistently provided funding to ensure families in our area have consistent access to healthy, nutritious food.

New Hanover County and the City of Wilmington have also continued their support of the Food Bank's work to nourish families, children, and seniors right here in our community.

The Landfall Foundation and the Carmax Foundation gifts will allow the Food Bank to provide our kids the meals they need to grow, learn, and thrive.

“We are so thankful to our local partners for their support,” said Beth Gaglione, Wilmington Branch Director for the Food Bank, “Together we can ensure our friends and neighbors are nourished and we are working toward solutions to end hunger.”

For more information, please visit [foodbank.com/give](https://foodbankcenc.org/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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