



## NEWS RELEASE

### **Partnerships Strengthen the Food Bank's Capacity to Feed More and Build Solutions to End Hunger**

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**RALEIGH, NC** – The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina (the Food Bank) today announced its appreciation for the generous support of corporate and foundation donors throughout our 34-county service area during the 2019 calendar year.

A new gift from the Leon Levine Foundation is providing critical resources toward our core mission work of nourishing families in need with healthy meals, education, and outreach activities throughout the Food Bank's service area. In addition, the foundation is also supporting Feeding the Carolinas, the association of Feeding America food banks in North and South Carolina, enabling the distribution of more produce to our friends and neighbors.

Credit Suisse Americas Foundation have continuously dedicated themselves to the Food Bank's work through volunteer time and financial support. The monetary support from the Credit Suisse Americas Foundation ensures that the Food Bank is able to resource and distribute the healthiest foods possible and employ skilled staff to distribute that food efficiently and where it's most needed in the 34-county service area.

The Bayer USA Foundation were the founding patron of the Food Bank's Weekend PowerPack Program in 2006. Their continued funding ensures the Food Bank can sustain the program and provide kids with food on the weekends.

Nationwide Insurance Foundation is also contributing critical funding and volunteer time to the Food Bank, which allows us to continue to nourish people and build solutions to end hunger. The Genworth Foundation is another long-time champion of the Food Bank's work through their donations of funds and volunteer hours. Yardi Systems employees selected the Food Bank when it came to where the organization should donate funds and support us in times of disaster. The Slomo and Cindy Silvian Foundation are new funders who are sustaining the Food Bank's core mission and disaster relief work.

Bank of America Foundation supports the Food Bank throughout our service area specifically with funds for our Benefits Outreach Program. The Walmart Foundation also funds this essential program, focusing on connecting people in rural areas with benefits. The Bob Barker Company Foundation provides support for Benefits Outreach to ensure a dependable means of food support to help returning citizens provide for themselves and their families.

Durham County funding allows the Food Bank to nourish additional families in the county. Wake County supports the Food Bank's School Pantry program to ensure kids have access to the food they need to grow and learn. The Philip L. Van Every Foundation financial donation makes it possible to distribute more fresh produce into our service area.

Vidant Duplin Hospital has provided financial support to nourish families in Duplin County. This ensures that the Food Bank can distribute the healthiest foods possible where it is most needed.

The Walt Disney Company has provided funding to help the Food Bank build on our nutrition work and provide produce to the communities we serve. This includes developing educational materials and providing outreach activities at our partner emergency food providers.

J. H. Walker Legacy Foundation supports our Weekend PowerPack Program to keep kids in Durham and Orange counties fed on the weekend. Financial donations from Sheetz and the Red Nose Foundation also allows us to feed more kids when they are not in school. Funds from the TJX Foundation will provide additional nourishment to families in our area.

The partnership with Coastal Credit Union will support the Food Bank's work toward building solutions to overcome hunger, creating an environment where all North Carolinians thrive.

"We are truly grateful for the critical resources these partners generously provide," said Peter Werbicki, President & CEO of the Food Bank, "This support allows us to nourish more people and work toward solutions to ultimately end hunger."

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

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