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### Partnerships Strengthen the Food Bank's Capacity to Serve in Eastern North Carolina

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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.

A gift from the Vidant Health Foundation will allow the Food Bank to build on our nutrition work in Pitt County. This includes developing educational materials and providing outreach activities at our partner emergency food providers.

Support from the Southern Bank Foundation will provide much-needed, consistent, healthy food to families in the Greenville Branch service area.

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

“We truly are truly grateful to these partners for their continued support,” said George Young, Eastern Regional Branch Director for the Food Bank, “Together we will continue working toward the vision that no one goes hungry in our community.”

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

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