



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Food Bank Recruiting Sites for Spring Break to Feed Children

What: The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina (the Food Bank) is recruiting sites to offer meals during spring break through Kids Summer Meals.

Kids Summer Meals, also known as the Summer Food Service Program, is a USDA federally funded resource which offers free nutritious meals to children 2-18 typically during summer months. **Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, USDA approved waivers to activate Summer Food Service Program outside of traditional program dates so children can have access to free meals even when schools close for holiday breaks.** The Food Bank will offer support across its 34 county service area to new and returning sites for Kids Summer Meals sponsorship.

If you are interested in providing meals during spring break (school closures vary by county) **please complete the participation form** <https://forms.gle/sDCrzzxTZW44ixut9> or email kidsprograms@foodbankcenc.org for more information.

Who: The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina

When: 2021 Spring Break

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 40 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 2019-2020, the Food Bank distributed nearly 92 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 760,000 people struggle to access nutritious and adequate amounts of food necessary for an active and healthy life. Website available in Spanish and English: foodbankcenc.org.

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