



## Press Release

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### **WILMINGTON VOLUNTEERS DE-CAN AND SORT FOOD FOR GOVERNOR'S WEEKEND OF SERVICE**

**WILMINGTON, NC** – On Saturday, September 11, about 35 volunteers from UNC Wilmington's Sigma Alpha Omega, the Cape Fear Volunteer Center and community participants, deconstructed or de-CANstructed sculptures made entirely out of cans at Independence Mall in Wilmington early Saturday to benefit the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Wilmington as a part of the Governor's Weekend of Service. The cans were transported back to the Wilmington Food Bank's warehouse at 1314 Marsteller Avenue where 25 additional volunteers were waiting to sort and pack the items. The warehouse was also open to receive donations of food and funds.

Governor Bev Perdue announced a partnership with the North Carolina Association of Food Banks and Volunteer North Carolina proclaiming September 10 through 12 as a Weekend of Service throughout the state.

The Governor's Weekend of Service will end on Sunday, September 12. **All branches of the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina (Durham, Greenville, New Bern, Raleigh, Southern Pines, and Wilmington) will be open on Sunday, September 12 from 1pm to 5pm to receive food or monetary donations.**

To support the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina during the Weekend of Service and throughout the year:

- **DONATE MONEY** (cash, check, online)
  - NEW! Text a Donation\* using your cell phone! Provide 40 meals to those in need - make a \$10.00 donation by texting 40MEALS to 50555.
- **DONATE FOOD** (food drives)
- **DONATE TIME** (volunteer)

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For more information about the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina, go to [www.foodbankcenc.org](http://www.foodbankcenc.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 30 years. The Food Bank serves a network of more than 800 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 2009-2010, the Food Bank distributed more than 41.5 million pounds of food and non-food essentials through these agencies. Sadly, hunger remains a serious problem in central and eastern North Carolina. In these counties, more than 500,000 struggle each day to provide enough food for their families. [www.foodbankcenc.org](http://www.foodbankcenc.org).

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